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METEOROLOGISTS GATHER CONFERENCE OPENED IN COLONY. VITAL SERVICES TO THE ORIENT.

Speech by Deputy Governor.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. Wilfrid T. Southern, C.M.G., in welcoming the delegates to the Meteorological Conference, which opened in the Council Chamber this morning, dwelt on the vital importance of the science, and particularly the system of issuing storm warnings. The safety of shipping, and hence the prosperity of trade in the Colony, he said, was largely dependent on the meteorological services, whilst the safety of life ashore could only be safeguarded from peril by typhoons by a system of timely warnings.

His Excellency deplored the fact that different storm warning codes were used by different weather services in the Far East, and urged a very careful examination of the proposals which would come before the Conference, with the object of securing uniformity.

THE OFFICIAL WELCOME.

His Excellency, in welcoming the delegates, said:

It gives me great pleasure, gentlemen, to welcome you all to Hong Kong, and we feel highly honoured that six gentlemen so distinguished in their own spheres of activity should have thought it worth their while to come to Hong Kong for a conference with the Director of our Observatory here. It gives us particular pleasure to welcome Reverend Father Louis Froc, S.J., the doyen of Far-Eastern meteorologists.

Reverend Father Froc, as you all know, has been the Director of the famous Zika-wei Observatory for the past 36 years, with one brief interruption for reasons of health, and his work has been of inestimable benefit to shipping and to all who dwell in this part of the world.

We hope that he may long continue to preside over the Zika-wei Observatory, which he has served so faithfully for so many years. We also welcome the Reverend Father Miguel Selga, S.J., of the Philippine Weather Bureau, Monsieur E. Bruzon, of the Indo-China Weather Bureau, Mr. Sung, of the National Institute of Meteorology, Nanking, Mr. Pinjan Talang, of the Tsingtao Observatory, and Lieutenant-Commander Y. C. Shen, C.N., of the Pratas Meteorological Station, the youngest of our Far Eastern meteorological stations, and one in which the Colony of Hong Kong takes a very special interest.

We regret the absence of the representatives of the Malayan, Japanese, Korean and Formosan Services without whom our numbers are not fully complete. They were unable to make arrangements to leave their posts, but we feel sure they will give due weight to any recommendation which may emerge from this conference.

Important Work.
Situated as we are, gentlemen, in regions subject to disastrous typhoons, from which our respective territories have from time to time suffered incalculable damage, the subject of meteorology and particularly of storm warnings, assumes an importance which is not always appreciated in more favourable situated localities. The safety of shipping, and hence the prosperity of our trade in general, is largely dependent on our meteorological services, while the safety of life and property ashore is to a less degree imperilled by typhoons, and can only be properly safeguarded by a system of timely warnings.

Mr. Clinton's Initiative.
It is obvious, gentlemen, that a uniform code of signals would be of the utmost value to our meteorological services; if a uniform code suitable for all requirements could be devised. In August of last year the Director of the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, attended a conference of British meteorologists held in London, with the laudable, if somewhat optimistic object of introducing a uniform code of storm warning signals for the whole world, but as agreement could not be reached even for the British Empire, he withdrew his proposal and suggested a conference of Far Eastern meteorologists, in the hope that uniformity might be attained over this area where conditions and requirements are, to a certain extent, uniform.

This conference has, therefore, been called in accordance with the suggestion made by the Director in London, and has for its object the adoption throughout the Far East of uniform codes for storm warn-

ings and for the transmission of daily weather reports by cable.

Present Methods Unsatisfactory.
At present different weather services in the Far East use different storm warning codes and ask for different data from ships. This is very unsatisfactory to ships operating in these waters, and I would invite you very carefully to examine the proposals which will be laid before you with a view to achieving the objects for which this conference has been called.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I know

STOP PRESS

Simla, To-day.
The Viceroy, in a statement in connection with the promulgation of the Press Ordinance, says that the riots in Calcutta and Karachi, the outbreak in Chittagong, and the disturbances in Peshawar show clearly that the spirit of revolution fostered by the civil disobedience movement is beginning to emerge in dangerous forms. Nothing at present was operating so powerfully to promote that spirit as the writings in the Press inciting openly to violent revolutionary action and encouraging the spirit of lawlessness all over the country.

Lord Irwin appeals to the more sober and stable elements in India to co-operate with him and the Government in resisting the forces of anarchy and in leading the country back into paths of peace.—*Reuter.*

Simla, Yesterday.
The Government of India, in a communication, states that the Peshawar district is quiet. Although the situation still requires vigilance there is no reason to anticipate further trouble. The tribes across the border have shown no inclination to participate in the disturbances. Tranquillity prevails on the frontier generally.—*Reuter.*

Athens, Yesterday.
The Police have arrested 122 Communists for holding an unauthorised meeting to discuss preparations for a May Day demonstration.—*Reuter.*

that Hong Kong will derive much benefit from your visit, and I venture to express the hope, not only that you will find your stay in Hong Kong a pleasant interlude in your arduous and often lonely duties, but that you will also carry away the feeling that your visit has been profitable to the important services on which you are engaged.

Mr. Claxton's Hopes.
Mr. T. F. Claxton, F.R.S., Director of the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, said:—
Before proceeding with the business of the day I am sure you would wish to thank His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government for coming here to-day to open the conference.

His Excellency's kindly interest should help us in our deliberations and stimulate understanding and goodwill, without which we cannot look for complete success in our undertaking. We hope for great things from this Conference. Our motto is of uniform codes for storm warn-

ATTACK ON BRITAIN

"FORECAST OF THE
NEXT WAR."

A BLOCKADE.

EVENTUAL OCCUPATION BY ENEMY.

London, Yesterday.
Another open letter, violently attacking Mr. Ramsay MacDonald for his conduct of the Naval Conference, is published in Hearst's newspapers all over the United States, in which Mr. Hearst says:—

"We believe your double dealing will prove to have killed the cause of British-American co-operation, and British-American co-operation is far more important to Britain than to America."

If Britain is involved in another great war, as she is apparently determined to be, the outcome of the war will be:—

First: The complete blockade of Britain to starvation point by hostile submarines.

Second, the partial destruction of London by aeroplane bombardment.

Third, the eventual occupation of Britain by the enemy and the transfer of the capital of the Empire to Canada."

Mr. Hearst declares that his newspapers have utterly lost faith in the sincerity of British statesmen, and until Britain comes to have the same broadmindedness and Enlightened sense of self-interest as the more progressive Dominions, the Hearst newspapers will withdraw from the list of their editorial objectives the plan of co-operative agreement with Britain.—*Reuter.*

PERFECT NUISANCE.

Known to the Police as a perfect nuisance in the Tsim-sha-tui area, a young Chinese, with four previous convictions, was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day sent to six months' hard labour for stealing 40 cents from the pocket of a pedestrian outside the Star Ferry wharf.

It was stated that when the complainant arrested the defendant, the latter produced a sharp-edged piece of wood and attempted to strike the man.

bugbear is apathy; our handicap is want of money; and our hope lies in ourselves, our Governments and our fighting. It lies also in the Navies of the world, messengers from Pakhoi. Being questioned, defendant said he knew nothing about the opium, whereupon he was sent off to the boarding house to bring back the owner. He returned about five minutes later minus the woman, but with a Chinese key on a ring.

Witness's evidence became very confused at this point, but eventually it was established that he took defendant to the Revenue Office. He also took the key, leaving the other baggage behind him. He informed His Worship that he did not know what happened to it after that!

Astonishing!
His Worship remarked that this was an astonishing thing to do. After having the key to the woman's baggage, the officer omitted to search the baggage, and went off to the office with the key! Revenue Officer Grimmitt pointed out that he himself got the latter case from the boarding house on Sunday morning. The lock was broken when he discovered it.

His Worship replied that so far from the evidence involving the runner, it rather tended to exonerate him. The Chinese officer had made a mess of things, and he was of opinion that the runner should be discharged.

R. O. Grimmitt concurred. His Worship further directed that the Chinese officer should be put on the report, which R. O. Grimmitt duly noted.

A Mix-Up.
The case against the woman being continued, R. O. Grimmitt gave evidence as to sending the runner out with the Chinese officers about 8.15 p.m., to bring back the woman. Four women came back with them, and the runner pointed out the one in the dock as the owner of the baggage and keys. The woman denied ownership of the eggs, but admitted that the key was hers. She was arrested, and on the Sunday morning the leather case was fetched from the boarding house. The witness prevented it

OPIUM IN EGGS.

C.R.O.'s Unsatisfactory Evidence.

DEFENDANTS DISCHARGED.

A Chinese boarding house runner and a woman passenger aboard the s.s. Yunchow, which arrived here from Pakhoi on Saturday afternoon, were charged at the Central Magistracy this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindgall, with unlawful possession of opium.

A novel feature of the case was that the opium was discovered inside preserved ducks' eggs, which were inside a basket being carried by the first defendant from a sampan to the boarding house. When questioned by a Chinese Revenue Officer, he stated that the eggs belonged to a woman passenger, being part of her baggage.

Later, when the circumstances were reported to R. O. Grimmitt, first defendant was sent out together with the Chinese Officer and a colleague, to bring in the woman. They returned with four women, the first defendant identifying the woman in the dock as the owner of the baggage in question.

Confused Witness.

The Chinese Revenue Officer, Leung Yu, said that on Saturday about 3 p.m. he was on duty on Connaught Road, and saw several women passengers from the ship land alongside the Praya Wall from a sampan. First defendant was also there, and together with an-

NAVY LEAGUE MEETING.

Members of the Navy League and others interested are reminded that the annual meeting of the local branch takes place this evening at 5.15 in the private dining room of the Hong Kong Hotel.

other runner, landed several articles of baggage, amongst which was a black leather case, which witness believed also belonged to the woman.

Mud Coating "Gone"

Then first defendant picked up the basket of eggs, witness noticed that the mud coating of one egg was partly "gone" and that a strip of paper was wrapped round it. Investigation showed that the egg contained opium matter.

In reply to His Worship, witness said that the runner, he afterwards arrested had come with the passengers from Pakhoi. Being questioned, defendant said he knew nothing about the opium, whereupon he was sent off to the boarding house to bring back the owner. He returned about five minutes later minus the woman, but with a Chinese key on a ring.

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ZEPPELIN'S VISIT TO BRITAIN.

DR. ECKNER PAYS COMPLIMENT TO BRITISH AIRSHIPS.

CORDIAL WELCOME.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Graf Zeppelin, which flew from her base at Friedrichshafen yesterday, arrived at Cardington at the appointed time in the late afternoon. It made a beautiful landing and was moored for a short time on the Royal Air Force Aerodrome. Her 22 passengers having disembarked, Dr. Hugo Eckener, her Commander, who had been in England for some days, went on board together with Sir Sefton Brancker, Director of Civil Aviation, and several other persons prominent in English Aviation who were passengers on the return flight to Friedrichshafen.

There was great enthusiasm at Cardington, the officers of the first Zeppelin to visit England since the war being given a cordial welcome. On her way to Cardington the Zeppelin passed over Wembley Stadium while play was in progress and saluted the King, who returned the salutation.

British Advance.

During his visit to Cardington Dr. Eckener boarded the R.100, which was riding at her mooring tower, and inspected the sister airship R.101, which is in her shed. Dr. Eckener expressed keen interest in these vessels and remarked in an interview that in ship structure and nose mooring gear they represented an advance on other countries and said that he believed the model of the new mechanical transporter for taking the airship into its shed was likely to be universally adopted.

The Graf Zeppelin remained at Cardington only 37 minutes and proceeded via London, Dover, Brussels and Hamburg to her base, which was reached at 5.42 this morning.—*British Wireless Service.*

Earlier Cables.

London, Saturday.
The Graf Zeppelin left Friedrichshafen at dawn this morning for England and flew via Basle, Besancon and Paris. She passed over Paris at noon and appeared over the Wembley Stadium in London, flying very low, in the middle of the Cup Final. This was done by arrangement, the Zeppelin saluting royalty at the match.

Many of the spectators, fearing that play would be interfered with, shouted and booed indignantly. The Zeppelin arrived over Cardington at 5.14 where, throughout the day, the R.100 was riding at the mooring mast. Doctor Hugo Eckener, the commander of the Zeppelin, has been visiting London for some days and he left on board the Graf Zeppelin at 5.52 p.m. to-day for Germany. Last night Dr. Eckener was the guest of Lord Thompson, the Secretary for Air, at a private dinner.—*Reuter and British Wireless Service.*

Friedrichshafen, Yesterday.
The Graf Zeppelin returned this morning.—*Reuter.*

MONEY LEFT.

\$16,500 Windfall for a Concubine.

Mak Ping, a Chinese married woman, who died in Shanghai on June 29, 1929, left estate in the Colony amounting to \$23,500. In her will, she bequeathed everything to her son, Cheng Kam-to, for whom probate has been applied for by Mr. H. K. Hung, of Messrs. Deacons.

Estate in Hong Kong to the value of \$16,500 was left by Chiu Kuen-yick, alias Chiu, Ki-shang, alias Chiu Woon, who died in Macao on March 27, 1929.

Probate has been granted to Chiu Sheung Shi, concubine of the deceased, and to whom everything is bequeathed.

being stolen. The lock was found to be broken.

The Chinese officer being recalled, he was asked why he found it necessary to bring back four women. He replied something about "evidence," whereupon His Worship stated that in view of the thoroughly unsatisfactory statement by witness, he was unable to go on with the case, and the woman was discharged.

R. O. Grimmitt pointed out that the witness had told a very different story in the box from his previous statements. He had not previously mentioned anything at all about sending the runner, for the woman, or the key being brought back to him.

His Worship remarked that it looked as if the runner had been "put up" to pointing out the woman as the culprit, and that was the reason that four women came along.

LAUNCH DISPUTE.

Sequel to Criminal Proceedings.

UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT.

In the Supreme Court this morning before Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C., an action was called in which Chua Wan-ping, on behalf of himself and all the other partners of the Ts On Company, of Canton, sought a declaration that they were the rightful owners of the steam launch Sun Chiu On.

The defendants mentioned in the action were Mak Chun-loong, alias Ng Shing, and Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, ophthalmic surgeon, of Exchange Building.

The case was at first expected to be struck out of the list as both parties had given intimation that they would not be appearing, but when the parties' names were called in open Court as a matter of procedure, Mak Chun-loong unexpectedly answered to his name.

His Lordship: I did not expect you to appear, but now that you are here, do you wish to fight the case out?

Mak Chun-loong informed His Lordship, through the interpreter, that he did not know what to do. He had been advised to appear by a solicitor who said he could not represent him. He would, however, leave the matter in his Lordship's hands.

The case was therefore adjourned until Wednesday morning at 10.30. It may be mentioned that the action was brought as a sequel to a case heard last year at the April Sessions, when Mak Chun-loong was charged with fraudulently mortgaging the launch to Dr. Basto. He was acquitted.

The plaintiffs alleged that Mak had fraudulently called himself Ng Shing, and that he had no power or right to mortgage the launch in question. They accordingly sought a declaration that they were the rightful owners, and asked for the return of all documents and permits pertaining to the vessel; and also for damages for the wrongful dealing.

CLOUDY.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:

The anti-cyclone is now central to the North of Tokyo and has strengthened slightly.

A shallow depression remains over Indo-China. There are indications of a depression approaching Shanghai from the Westward.

Forecast:—S. E. or variable winds; light to moderate; generally cloudy.

Rainfall.

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day 0.04. Rainfall since January 1, 12.98 inches against an average of 11.14 inches.

Temperature and Humidity.

The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock were:—

Hong Kong ... 73 ... 95

Macao ... 73 ... 98

Pratas Island ... 73 ... 90

Manila ... 77 ... 85

Amoy ... 67 ... 95

Swatow ... 67 ... 95

Chefoo ... 50 ... 93

Shanghai ... 59 ... 96

tention of the vessel and all the documents.

Dr. Basto in his affidavit, alleged that Ng Shing was empowered to transact all business for the plaintiffs and that by virtue of the mortgage, and for which he had advanced the sum of \$3,000, he was therefore the rightful owner of the vessel. In support of his contention, Dr. Basto mentioned the fact of the criminal proceedings taken out against Ng Shing, and that his acquittal by the Supreme Court went to show that Ng Shing had not acted fraudulently.

REPUTED THIEF.

Street Loiterer Sent to Jail.

Remanded from Friday on a charge of loitering in Shamshui-poi, with intent to commit a felony, Ng Tai (16) was to-day at the Kowloon Magistracy sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Acting Inspector Vincent, official police photographer, spoke of the defendant having three convictions as follows:—

12 strokes of the cane in September, 1929.
12 strokes of the cane in October, 1929.
Three months in December 31, 1929, for larceny from a person, all this testifying to his being known as a reputed thief, and suspected person.

PRESS IN INDIA

MUZZLED BY ORDER OF VICEROY.

ACT OF 1910.

WIDE SCOPE OF THE ORDINANCE.

Simla, Yesterday.
The Viceroy has promulgated a Press Ordinance, reviving the Press Act of 1910, with amendments to suit the present political conditions. The original Act of 1910 dealt with incitements to murder, acts of violence, passages tending to seduce soldiers and sailors from allegiance to their duty, or to bring hatred and contempt on the British Government, the native Princes or His Majesty's subjects.—*Reuter.*

Police Fire on Mob.

Madras, Yesterday.
The police fired on a mob rioters to-day, killing two and injuring three. The crowd heavily stoned the police, injuring the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner, and the Assistant Commissioner. Several warnings were given, but these proved ineffective, so the police fired seven shots. The situation is now quiet.—*Reuter.*

Earlier Cables.

Simla, Saturday.
The position at Peshawar has improved considerably as a result of the conference which the Chief Commissioner had with the leading citizens. Machine guns are still posted at vital points, the garrison has been reinforced and public confidence has been restored.

It is now ascertained that the total admissions to hospital in connection with the disturbances numbered 25. The border tribesmen are not affected.

Peshawar Casualties.

Peshawar, Saturday.
The official casualty list in the recent riots gives twenty killed, and about thirty at present being treated in hospitals.

The Chittagong Affair.

Calcutta, Saturday.
A Government communication announces that two platoons of the Assam Rifles arrived at Chittagong to-day.

According to unofficial advice from Chittagong, the men responsible for the outbreak on April 18 who repaired to the Mathazari Range, fled there with twenty-three guns and ammunition seized at Chittagong. Twenty-one arrests have been made in the Mokhal area in connection with the incident at Feni, north-east of Chittagong, where an attempt was recently made to arrest some of the men aboard a train on suspicion of being concerned in the Chittagong outrage. The men escaped by using revolvers.

Fracas at Calcutta.

One person was killed and three injured and sent to hospital as a result of a fracas near Diamond Harbour where 2,000 villagers collected in defiance of the orders of the Police and proceeded to make salt.

The Police, who ordered them to disperse, were bombarded with stones, sixteen constables being injured. The Police then fired on the crowd. Arson by Strikers.

Orgram, Saturday.

Mysore strikers from the Balaghat Gold Mine burned down a meat vendor's shop and house. A general exodus of the mine coolies to the villages has started.—*Reuter.*

Union of Three Newspapers.

Delhi, March 18.
An agreement was signed in Delhi to-day providing for the amalgamation of the "Pioneer" of Allahabad, the "Civil and Military Gazette" of Lahore, and the "Daily Chronicle" of Delhi.

The news of the amalgamation has been received with great satisfaction both in Government and unofficial circles. In spite of recent vicissitudes, the "Pioneer" claims a tradition going back 70 years in the history of Indian journalism. The "Civil and Military Gazette" is an old friend of the British community in Northern India, particularly among the serving soldiers. The Daily Chronicle is of far more recent birth, but was established with a public spirited determination to publish a British newspaper in the capital of India.

The three newspapers will be under the direct supervision of an editor-in-chief. Mr. J. D. Savary, who has been appointed to this position, has a wide experience of Indian journalism. For some time he acted as assistant editor of the "Pioneer," and was later appointed to the editorship of the "Engishman" of Calcutta (the oldest paper in India). More recently he was editor of the Delhi Daily Chronicle, which is now a partner in the group.

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S. LACK,

Superintendent.
Hong Kong, April 24, 1930.

GENERAL NOTICES**THE NAVY LEAGUE**

Hong Kong Branch.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held in the
HONG KONG HOTEL
Private Dining Room
(First floor) at
5.15 p.m. TO-DAY.

COMPANY MEETINGS

**HUMPHREYS ESTATE &
FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th May, 1930, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 28th April, to WEDNESDAY, 7th May, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1930.

**THE CANTON INSURANCE
OFFICE, LTD.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 16th May, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 16th May, 1930, both days inclusive.

**JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD.,**
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 25th April, 1930.

LAMMERT BROS.

**AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS
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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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TUESDAY, April 29, 1930,
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A Quantity of
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FURNITURE**

On View from Monday, April 28, 1930.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, April 26, 1930.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, April 25, 1930.

VARIETY CONCERT.**In Aid of the Tin Kwok
School.****IRON BOY AGAIN.**

A capital concert was given on April 26, at the Theatre Royal in aid of the Tin Kwok School and Orphanage before a fairly large attendance.

The programme opened with Hawaiian selections by the Chinese Glee Club, which were enthusiastically received. Following this was a pianoforte solo by Miss Lillian Chenalloy and a dancing display by the pupils of Miss Daisy O'Keefe.

To enumerate item by item would be uninteresting but suffice it to say that the entire programme was varied and most entertaining. The Wan Wan San troupe and the Iron Boy who delighted Hong Kong audiences were again to the fore. They were largely instrumental in making the concert the success that it was.

ART EXHIBITION.**Water Colours and Oil
Paintings.**

Our readers will be glad to know that the semi-annual exhibition of water colours and oil paintings at Messrs. Komor & Komor will open on Wednesday, April 30.

We understand that the exhibits this year surpass all former exhibitions in variety and beauty. One has only to look at the works of newcomers to realise that art is still progressing, and the exhibits of old favourites show no decline from their high pedestal.

Lovers of art will flock en masse to the premises of Messrs. Komor & Komor, where, for a few dollars, a signed masterpiece can be obtained. Japanese art ranging from \$3 upwards offer great possibilities for the collector. We are told that the oil paintings by Kondo and Tanaka, which created such a sensation in Tokyo this year, will be on view on Wednesday. A large gathering is anticipated and art seekers are advised to attend early in order to gain a real estimate of the greatest exhibition of its kind held in Hong Kong.

The exhibition will last for one week only and is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Messrs. Komor & Komor's Art Gallery.

AMBULANCE CORPS.**Free Vaccinations Up to
Date.**

The number of persons vaccinated—free of charge—by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Thursday, April 24, was:—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division	18,583
King's College Division (Old)	4,055
King's College Division (New)	3,358
Railway Division	6,824
Indian Division	1,602
Kowloon Division	23,241
Mongkok Division	47,726
Shaikwan Division	7,008
St. Joseph's College Division	1,404
Motor Drivers' Association	
Division	1,917
Chinese Athletic Division	10,826
Un-Leng	1,385
Victoria Nursing Division	420
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division	928
	134,264

HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

The following is the programme for to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.—

- (a) Rhapsody Prelude... Chopin.
- (b) Military Polonaise... Chopin.
- (c) Mr. Peter Cheung.
- (a) Scenes from Childhood.
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7... Schumann.
- (b) Scherzo in E minor... Mendelssohn.
- (a) Miss Daisy Ho.
- (b) Serenade... Borondin.
- (c) Fantaisie-Improvisation... Chopin.
- (a) Miss Gladys Heard.
- (b) Menuet in E flat major... Beethoven.
- (c) Hark, Hark, the Lark! Schubert-Liszt.
- (a) Miss Rose Choy.
- (b) The Nightingale... Albinetti-Liszt.
- (c) Air du Ballet... Moussorgsky.
- (a) Miss Daisy Ma.
- (b) Polonaise in E flat minor... Chopin.
- (c) Valse in E minor... Chopin.
- (a) Mr. Antonio Tubino.
- (b) Rigoletto-Paraphrase... Verdi-Liszt.
- (c) Miss Alda Leon.
- (a) Hungarian Rhapsody... Poppo.
- (b) Mr. Sergei Stupin.
- (c) Piano Solo:—
- (a) Romance in F sharp major.
- (b) Davidbinder-March... Schumann.
- (c) Mr. Harry Ore.

DIOCESAN BOYS' DANCE.

An enjoyable dance was held at the Diocesan Boys' School on April 26, being attended by a large number of dancers. The latest dance music was played by the Brunswick Orchestra, dancing continuing until midnight. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. D. Trafford. It is hoped to make this dance an annual event in the future.

LESSON-SERMON**First Church of Christ,
Scientist, Hong Kong**

"Probation after death" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, April 27.

The Golden Text was: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Ye are all children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the

night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others, but let us watch and be sober. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep we should live together with him" (1 Thess. 5: 6, 8, 9, 10).

The Lesson-Sermon also included:

the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Thought will waken from its own material declaration, 'I am dead,' to catch this trumpet-word of Truth, 'There is no death, no inaction, diseased action, overaction nor reaction'" (p. 427).

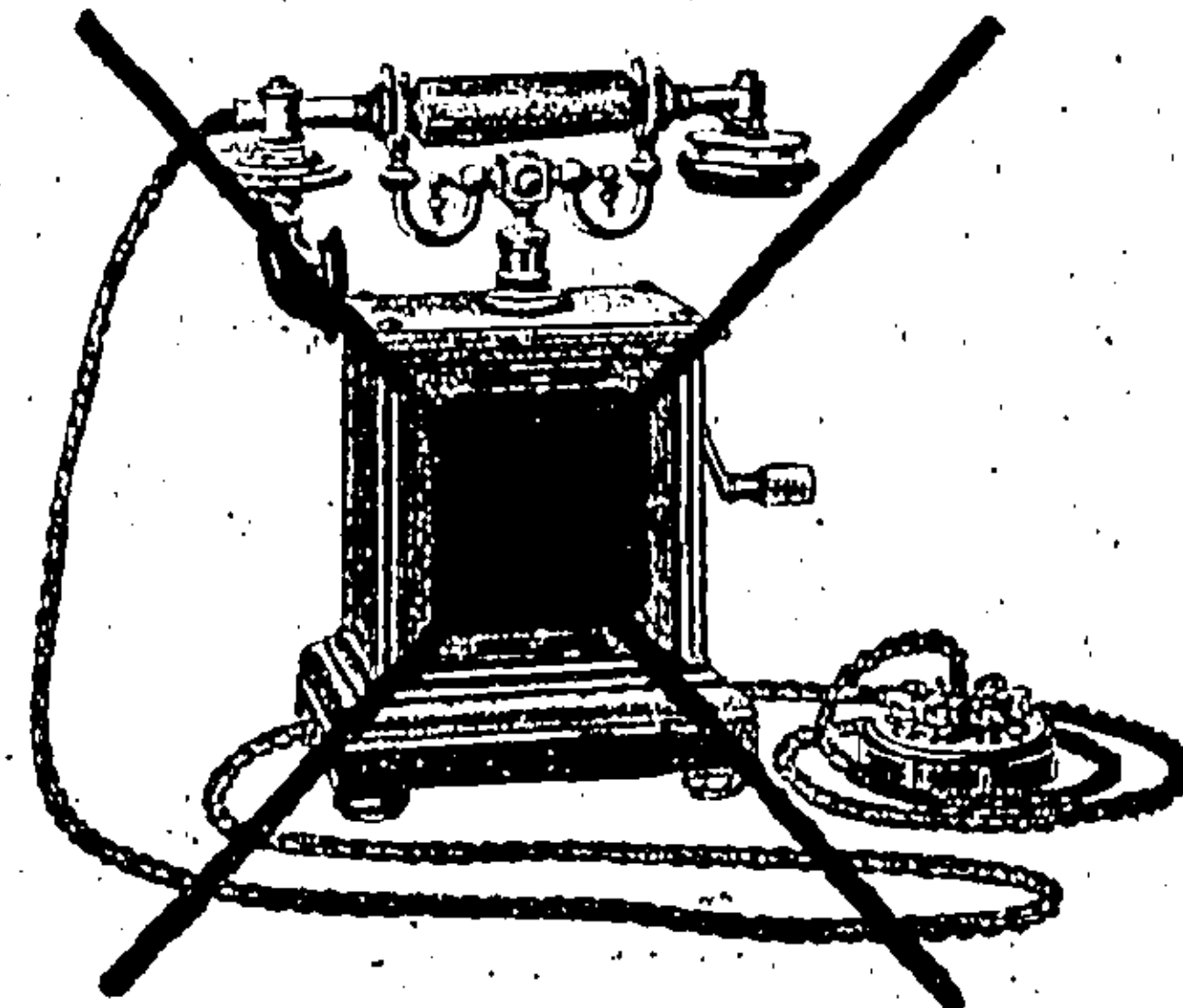
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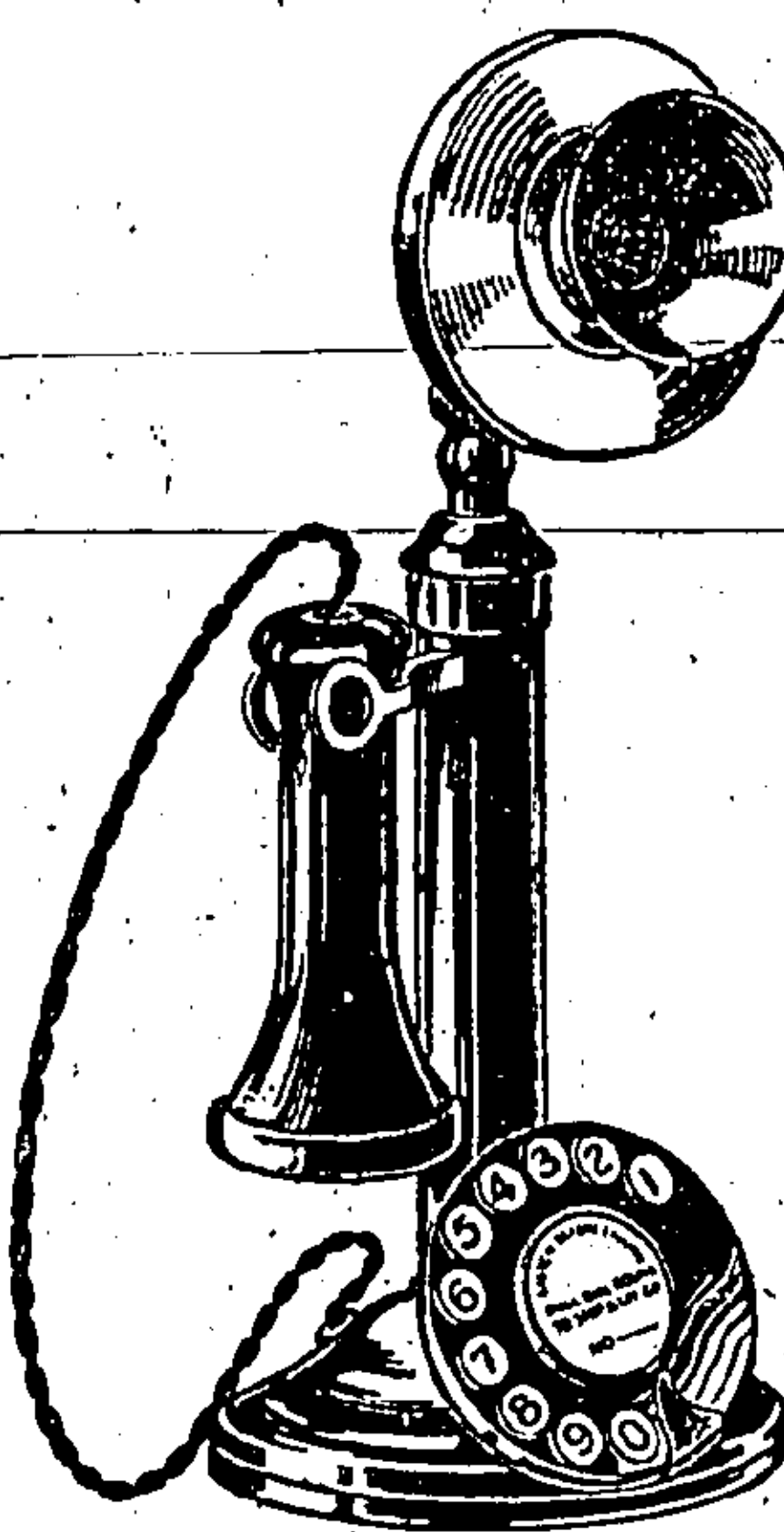
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TANGO MARU	Tuesday, 24th June.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
RANGOON MARU	Monday, 28th April.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	
HEIYO MARU	Friday, 2nd May.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	
HAKATA MARU	Monday, 5th May.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
TSUYAMA MARU	Thursday, 1st May.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa.	
TOYOOKA MARU	Thursday, 15th May.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
PENANG MARU	Tuesday, 29th April.
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SANTOS MARU	Tuesday, 20th May.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
HONOLULU MARU	Saturday, 5th May.
SHINNOI MARU	Monday, 19th May.
DURBAN, LOURENÇO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
MEXICO MARU	Saturday, 3rd May.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
SEATTLE MARU	Monday, 5th May.
HIMALAYA MARU	Sunday, 18th May.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	
AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai)	Tuesday, 29th April.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
MELBOURNE MARU	Tuesday, 6th May.
HAIPHONG—Via Hothow & Pakhol.	
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 1st May, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports & Panama.	
ARGONAUT MARU	Saturday, 10th May.
JAPAN PORTS.	
PEKING MARU	Tuesday, 29th April.
SUMATRA MARU	Sunday, 4th May.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 4th May, 3 p.m.
TAKAO—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
DELI MARU	Thursday, 8th May, Noon.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.	
SOURABAYA MARU	Sunday, 11th May.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

NAVAL CONFERENCE

Premier's Message to League of Nations.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In forwarding the text of the London Treaty to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations at Geneva, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, has sent an accompanying letter in which he expresses the hope that the results achieved at the conference will have the effect of facilitating the future labours of the preparatory commission.—British Wireless Service.

MacDonald's Hope.
London, Saturday.
Mr. MacDonald's covering letter when he forwarded the text of the Naval Treaty to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, dated April 21, has been published.

It recapitulates the results obtained and expresses the hope that the Preparatory Commission will find in it a contribution which will facilitate the future labours of the Commission.—Reuter.

Japanese Views.
Tokyo, Saturday.
The vernacular papers give prominence to the statements of anonymous Naval authorities bitterly attacking Baron Shidehara's speech in the Diet yesterday.

They charge Baron Shidehara with misrepresenting the effects of the London Naval Treaty on Japanese Naval defences, denying his assertion that the Navy's views were fully considered before the past was accepted.

The vernacular papers are reviving reports that the resignation of Admiral Kanji Kato is imminent as a protest against the London Treaty.—Reuter.

LONDON PACIFISTS.

Mr. Shearer's Desire for Investigation.

Washington, April 21.
Mr. William Shearer, who confessed to an investigation committee of the Senate that he worked for a bigger United States Navy during the Geneva naval limitation conference, today sent a letter to Senator Samuel M. Shortridge of California demanding a senatorial investigation of "Pacifists," who "have embarrassed the United States Delegation at the Five Power Naval Conference in London."

The pacifists, Mr. Shearer said, had deliberately disturbed the American delegation headed by the Secretary of States, Col. Stimson, in London, and had clearly indicated their complete ignorance of the necessities of national defence.

"Since I was investigated by a Senate committee for doing nothing more than what I considered a patriotic duty in upholding the policies of the American government at Geneva," the propagandist wrote, "I believe that those who are opposed to the policies of the people and the welfare of the nation also should be the subject of senatorial scrutiny."

Mr. Shearer suggested that the upper house of Congress should appoint a special committee "to learn who appeared at London for the Pacifists, to reveal their entire lives, to learn their nationalities and to determine from what sources they derived their income."

The Senate went into the smallest detail of his activity at Geneva, the propagandist asserted, and in fairness should do the same.

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TIMBER SHIPMENTS.

Lack of Preparation at Leningrad.

It is scarcely possible to say, under present conditions, what particular part Leningrad plays in the total exports of timber from Russia and as compared with the White-Sea ports and those in the Black Sea. But whatever this part may be, it appears from the Russian newspapers that, as in the past year, so in the present year have no special arrangements been made to cope with the expected or calculated shipment of timber from Leningrad, where orders had been given for navigation to be opened not later than by April 1.

Complaints are made by the Pravda that the harbour authorities at Leningrad have scarcely made any preparations for the reception of the traffic when the winter season comes to an end. It was calculated that the port should be able to accept 5,000,000 tons of goods during the coming navigation period as compared with 2,000,000 tons in the corresponding period in 1929, but the port authorities are said not to believe in the calculated traffic and consider that one half of the tonnage will be sufficient.

30,000 balks are needed for the repair of the facing of the quays, but only 300 were available on March 7, and out of the total of 6,000 barrels of cement required only 1,000 had been delivered by that date. The sheds in the port, the newspaper says, are in a miserable condition, but the question of their being reconditioned has not even been raised. The situation of the harbour is stated to be as badly prepared for the impending shipping season as at any previous time.

Shortage of Trucks.

According to later information, published by the Ekons-Jim, of March 18, the preparations for the export of timber from Leningrad are being carried out slowly and without any order. The plan for the collection of the timber is said to have been completed to the extent of 75 per cent, but transport has only been effected in the measure of 48 per cent. Only 50 truck loads are being received in the port every day. The basic reason for such a miserable delivery lies in the insufficient number of platform trucks. The lack of agreement between the timber mills, the timber export combination and the railway administration has led to the supply of an inadequate number of platform trucks.

In order to deal with the amount of timber which is to be handled, which is double that in last year, the newspaper states that great works must be carried out in the equipment of new mooring lines in the port. These works, however, have not yet been begun owing to the shocking supply of materials. Thus the timber syndicate has furnished only 47 balks out of the 6,000 required. So alarming is the situation that the National Commissariat of Trade and the Council of Labour and Defence are now insisting on the opening of navigation in Leningrad.

To the above may be added the fact, as daily announced in the Moscow newspapers, that the railways throughout Russia are completely disorganised; both passenger and goods trains are long delayed en route, break downs are frequent, repairs are carelessly carried out, and occupy about double the normal time; the managers are being made responsible for the delays, while students from the higher schools are being drafted to the railways to assist in putting matters in order. Moreover, railway engineers from Germany and even Turkey are being engaged to render assistance under the present chaotic situation of railway transport.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:—
In Basin of R.N. Dockyard:
Tamar, Seamount, Somme.
West Wall: Hermes.
No. 4 Buoy: Bridgewater.
No. 12 Buoy: Sandwich.
No. 13 Buoy: Marston.
Foreign men-of-war in port were:—
U.S. gunboats "Mintado," "Helena."
U.S.S. Canopus.
U.S.S. Ma. 36, 37, 38, 39, 40.
Portuguese Cruisers: Adamaster, French: Cruiser "Waldeck-Rousseau," French: Gunboat "Argus," Chinese Cruiser "Hai Kung."

same with regard to those who formed their influence on the American delegates at the conference, now closing in London.—United Press.

NEW N.Y.K. LINER.

The Heiyo Maru on Maiden Voyage.

NOTABLE FEATURES.

The mercantile marine of other countries will have to look to their laurels. Within the past month or so no fewer than three magnificent liners of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha had arrived here on their maiden voyage, and it is no exaggeration to state that all these ships compare very favourably with other steamers plying between here and Europe and the United States of America.

Yet another mail liner in the shape of the Heiyo Maru arrived here on Friday also on her maiden voyage, and on Saturday the ship was thrown open to inspection.

The Heiyo Maru was completed only a few months ago. She is commanded by Capt. Gotoh and she will be placed on the run between the Orient and the West Coast of South America, and will be the flagship of the Company.

The description of the ship as supplied to the China Mail by the owners are as follows:—

The Ship Described.

The Heiyo Maru is equipped with Sulzer Diesel engines, which give her a speed of over 16 knots. She is 460 feet long, of 9,500 gross tons, and has accommodation for 42 first class, 80 second and 500 third class passengers. She has well equipped public rooms, decorated and furnished by the London firm of Messrs. Wylie and Lockwood. All first class cabins are on the promenade deck, with the lounge and dining saloon, while on the boat deck is a handsome smoking room and attached verandah cafe.

The first class staterooms are equipped with beds, some with Pullman extras, and all with running water.

The Heiyo Maru is not of the same dimensions or tonnage as the famous trio, the Asama, Tatsuta and Chichibu Maru, but she is equipped in a like manner, and will form an entirely new class of boat on this line. She was constructed at the Osaka Iron Works. The work was started in December, 1928, and the boat launched in October last. Her trial trip was made in March last, and proved satisfactory in every way.

The second-class accommodation consists of two and four-berth cabins, which are all amidsips.

The steerage accommodation is constructed on lines similar to that adopted on the magnificent Asama Maru and her sister ships, with two, four, six and eight berth cabins. Another entirely new and notable feature is the steersman's dining saloon. The Heiyo Maru is fitted with wireless loud-speakers in all the public rooms, which can be connected to receive broadcasting programmes.

WORST QUARTER.

Set-Back for British Builders.

London, Saturday.

The March quarter was the worst experienced in the British shipbuilding industry for several years, according to a statement issued by the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation.

During the quarter reviewed fifty per cent. of the firms did not receive a single order. The statement reveals that orders for cargo boats are almost negligible. Tanker orders, which have been a notable feature of recent years, have practically ceased, while private yards have only half the warship construction work of a year ago, and less than one-seventh of the average tonnage under construction in 1912-1914.

A large proportion of the 1,314,000 tons of shipping under construction at the end of March is in the completion stage. The immediate future is gloomy, as practically no cargo boats are now being ordered.—Reuter.

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The E. & A. s.s. Nellore left Moji for this port on April 25, p.m., and is due here on April 30, a.m.

The B.I. s.s. Shirala left Amoy for this port on April 27, p.m., and is due here on April 28, p.m.

PASSENGER LIST

ARRIVALS

Per s.s. President Cleveland on April 27:
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"STAR-SPANGLED BANNER."

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The lower House of Congress this afternoon adopted a proposed law recognizing "The Star Spangled Banner" as the National Anthem. The vote on the Bill was unanimous.—United Press.

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*LAHORE	5,304	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHIVA	9,135	15th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*ALIPORE	5,279	11th May	Moji & Kobe.
TALAMBA	8,018	15th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKADA	6,940	20th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RANPURA	16,601	23rd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*JEYPORE	5,318	1st June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,128	8th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KORBA	10,054	20th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KAIYAN	9,144	4th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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CHINA'S CIVIL WAR.

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ARMIES MASSED.

Canton, Saturday.
Over 100,000 National forces have assembled along the Ping-Han line where the defensive work has been completed. Immediately after the troop inspection by President Chiang, hostilities will begin, probably on May 1.

The Central authorities instructed the Chinese Navigation Company in Shanghai on April 24 to provide 10 vessels for the transportation of troops to Hankow which work is to be completed before April 29.

Allied Forces.

With a view to concentrating the entire military forces, under one supreme command, Yen Hsi-shan has given written authorities to Generals Sun Tsu, Chao Ching-shou, Yang Hou-ai, Kwan Fu-an and Liu Mou-yen at the different fronts, and Fu Tso-yi and Li Sang-ta on the Tsin-Pu Line that they are to obey all orders issued by Feng Yu-shiang. Six armies of Shansi Infantry and four divisions of cavalry under the command of Feng Yu-shiang have already been transported to the Yellow River. The allied forces are estimated to be about 500,000 strong, and it is generally surmised that war on a magnitude greater than any other wars during the Republic will begin in the early part of May.

Yen's Manifesto.

Yen Hsi-shan is reported to have recently addressed a manifesto to the Diplomatic Corp., announcing that he is co-operating with Feng Yu-shiang, with whom he has the closest understanding and sympathy for each other's motives, and that he and Feng are as brothers and will stand or fall together. The manifesto further states that Yen himself is confident in the successful issue of the allied military affairs, for which the party leaders are willing to sacrifice their personal interests.

Shantung Insurgents.

The Shantung rebel, General Koo Kwel-chu, who has been besieged in Chu Cheng, near the East border of Shantung by the loyal troops under General Chen Tiao-yuan, for the last two months, is now preparing to hand over command to his Chief of Staff, who will probably surrender to the Government troops.

Kiangsi Troops Mutiny.

The State Council has received a report from General Chian Han-ting, C.I.C. of the Bandit Suppression in the three provinces of Kiangsi, Fukien and Kwangtung, stating that his Brigadier-Generals Wai Ng and Chow Chi-chun of the 34th and 36th Brigades, Colonels Ting Kin-fan and Cheong Tsi-ling and Chief of Staff Hsu Chuan suddenly mutinied when they were instructed to return to Kiangsi. The report further states that the greater part of their troops have remained loyal, however, and, as a consequence, the mutineers have had to retreat to Shih Cheng, on the Kiangsi-Fukien border, taking with them the loyal Vice-Divisional Commander and the Chief Secretary, besides \$103,000.00 of official funds. General Chian has submitted himself to the State Council to be dealt with, regarding his guilt and negligence, resulting in the mutiny, but the State Council has reinstated him and issued warrants for the arrests of the mutineers.

Sun Tien-ying in Full Retreat.

The rebels under Sun Tien-ying, who invaded the north of Anhwei a few days ago, were severely repulsed by the National troops under General Liu Chi and Koo Tsu-tung, and have now completely disappeared from the province.

Martial Law at Peking.

After the outbreak of the students in Peking, Mayor Chang Yin-wu has proclaimed martial law, ordering all gates to be closed at 6 p.m. and incidentally suspending all traffic after that hour.

Military Conference.

President Chiang called a military conference in Hankow on April 24, attended by Generals Ho Ying-ching, Ho Ching-chun, and other commanders. A resolution was passed to change the present defensive into offensive tactics.

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S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	HOSANG	Thurs., 15th May at 3 p.m.
Singapore & Penang	SUISANG	Mon., 19th May at 3 p.m.
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Sandakan	HINSANG	Wed., 30th Apr. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Sat., 10th May at 3 p.m.
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and the commanders of the various divisions at the front are accordingly instructed to make the necessary preparations.

General Ho Chien.

General Ho Chien, the Chairman of Hunan, wired on April 23 to his friends in Nanking, stating that he intends to proceed to Hankow to interview President Chiang for the purpose of submitting a report of the suppression of rebels in his province and asking for personal instructions.

Chang Hsueh-liang Supports Nanking.

Regarding the present situation in the North, General Chang Hsueh-liang, an advocate of a unified China, who opposes the formation of a new government by Yen Hsi-shan, has decided to support the Central Government, and consequent on the decision of a conference held in Mukden recently, five divisions of Manchurian troops will be despatched to Tientsin and Tangku, with the assistance of the North-Eastern Fleet. Three other divisions will be despatched from Jehol to threaten Peking.

Chan Chai-long Returns.

General Chan Chai-long, accompanied by Admiral Chan Chak, left Wuchow yesterday morning on the gunboat "Mu Fung," and arrived at Samshui at 4 p.m. where he entrained for Canton.

In a Press interview, that took place shortly after his return to the city at 6 p.m., General Chan said that the National Punitive Forces are continuing their pressure on the opposite bank of Kweiping and Kwei Hsien. The greater part of the Ironsides and Kwangsi-ites are mostly massed at Louchow and Nanning, leaving only a small number of insurgents to hold Kweiping and Kwei Hsien.

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Wang Ching-wei.

Tai Yuan, April 27.
Important politicians have received advice that the representative who was despatched to discuss matters with Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the Leftist leader, has arrived in Hong Kong and personally handed to him Marshal Yen's letter.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei has now decided to leave for the North in a few days.—Wah Tsz Yat Po.

Marshal Chiang.

Hankow, April 26.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek arrived at Mingking, Shunyang, Kokshan, and Kwangzeu, respectively, yesterday, staying a short time at each place. He summoned Kwok Mon-ling for special orders. As soon as Wang Kam-yuk arrived at Hankow he left again for the North, with Marshal Chiang.—Wah Tsz Yat Po.

Chiang's Movements.

Hankow, Saturday.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek left Hankow for Shingachow in a special train yesterday afternoon in order to inspect the Kihua defenses.

Rebel Captures.

Peking, Saturday.
The rebels claim that they have occupied Chengwu in south-west Shantung and also Enhsien, Siatzing and Kaoting in north-west Shantung.

Hankow, Yesterday.
Chiang Kai-shek arrived at Shingachow on Friday, and visited Minkang on Saturday, and will possibly go to Yencheng to look over the defenses. The vernacular papers state that this visit to the Peking-Hankow railway will only occupy two or three days, Chiang returning to Hankow very soon.—Reuter.

KWANGSI FIGHT.

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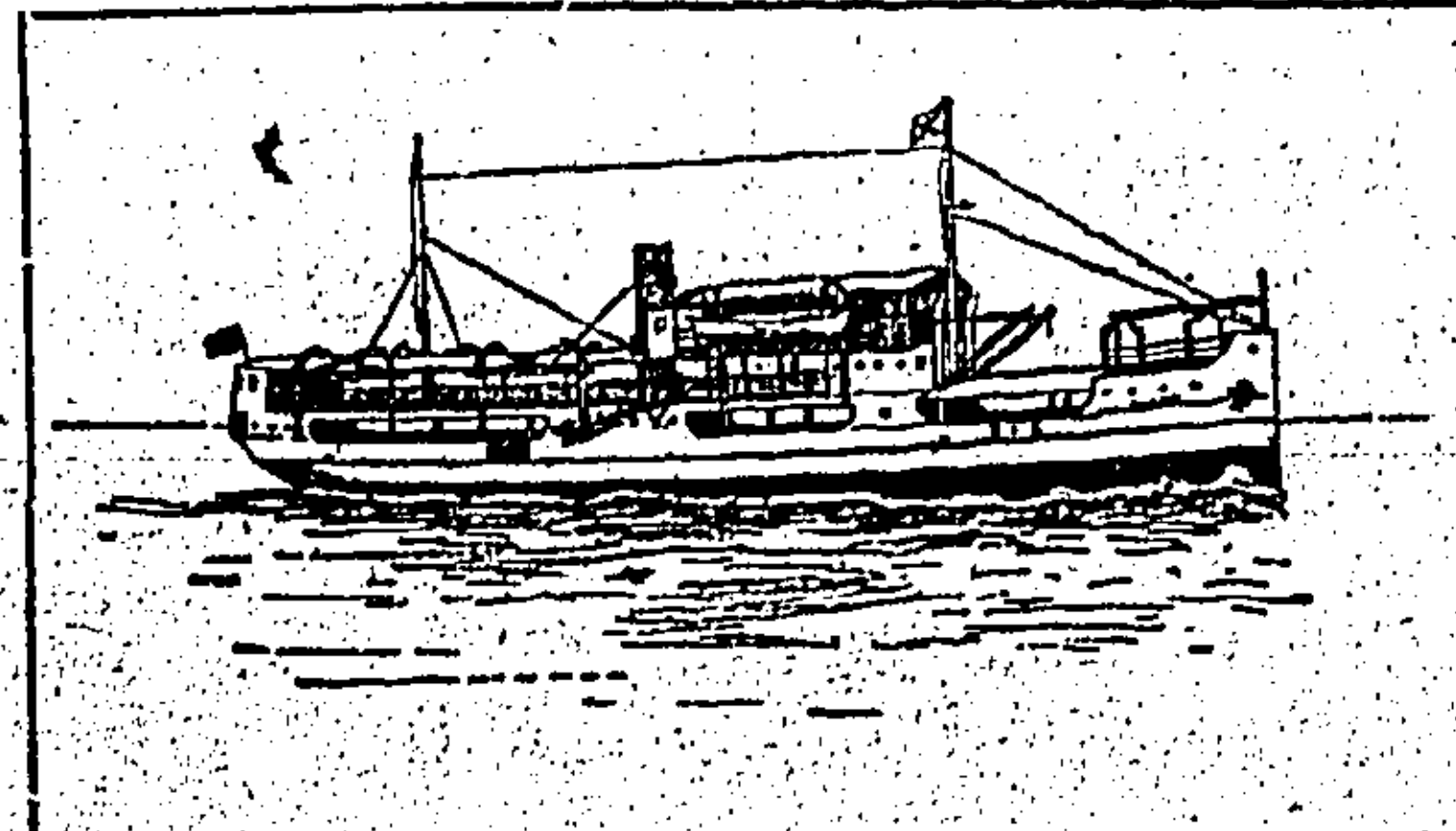
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Fri. 2	11 44	11 20
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Hong Kong, Monday, April 28, 1930.

Sport and Concord.

"It is my earnest and sincere hope that the sporting and friendly spirit which has prevailed, especially on the football field, will continue to prevail in the future for it is this spirit which, to my mind, can best help in breaking the barriers of class, social and racial, in binding together all nations in the great brotherhood of harmony and concord."

These sentiments expressed by the Hon. Dr. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., at the annual dinner of the Hong Kong Football Club on Saturday evening will be most cordially and cheerfully endorsed by all sportsmen and by all who contribute to the elevation of the spirit of concord amongst all races. His observations are extremely pertinent and topical at the end of a football season that has ranked amongst the most successful for many years. Particularly can they be considered apposite at the close of a day on which all nationalities crowded the football ground at Happy Valley to pay a practical tribute to the unfortunate victims of the calamity aboard the British destroyer Sepoy, at the conclusion of which, by a striking coincidence, trophies were presented to the Chinese Athletic Club as dual winners of the First and Second Divisions of the League.

Furthermore, these excellent sentiments were earlier at the same gathering of the H.K.F.C. borne out by the Chairman, Mr. J. Ralston, who remarked that: "Our place of residence, whether in Hong Kong or Kowloon, our

profession, whether civil or military; our nationality and race, may contribute to determine our concentrated loyalty and interest; but a good game played for its own sake, is still the lodestar of all who still respond in far-flung corners of the earth to the echo of our school-days—Play up, play up, and play the game." And the crown was set on all these excellent and worthy sayings by the presence at the English Cup final at Wembley of His Majesty the King and H.R.H. the Duke of York—a royal tribute, indeed, to football as the great leveller, and to its influence in bringing all classes and all creeds together under a common standard.

In this Colony we are fortunate in having leaders of the community in civic, social, and educational activities evincing a practical interest not alone in football but in all forms of sport. A perusal of the lists of office-bearers and Committees of the various Clubs and Associations will reveal that high Government officials and prominent business men are proud to identify themselves with the furtherance of sport in every shape and form. As a matter of comparison it may be questioned whether in any other cosmopolitan community there is a greater proportion of leading personalities connected with the promotion of sport for the game's sake. This cannot but exercise a tremendous influence for good on the Colony as a whole, bringing together men of all nationalities and creeds and tending to minimise many differences that may arise from time to time in the ordinary civic or even religious walks of life. Under these auspicious circumstances the spirit of concord cannot but be strengthened in this very sporting Colony of ours!

News in Brief.

A Chinese who was banished from the Colony in 1919 for life, but returned, was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning sentenced to ten months' hard labour.

A Chinese who stole a red blanket from a Chinese school at 5 Pilgrim Street was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day sentenced to four months' hard labour. It was stated that he used an instrument to enter the flat, which was locked.

The Tajmahal Silk Store, 5 Wyndham Street, opposite the China Mail, announces a great sale, commencing to-day. Great reductions have been made in Fujii silk, spun, crepe de Chine, men's silk shirts and pyjamas, and many other bargains too numerous to mention.

WAITRESS'S LOSS.

Lover Steals and Pawn's Clothes.

A WIFE'S ASSERTIONS.

To-day Man Chai, alias Man Chai-yin (27) was charged before Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy with the theft on April 25 of a leather suit case, a leather purse, a clock, a pair of chop sticks, a cotton quilt and 40 pieces of clothing, the property of Ng Siu-ying, a waitress, of 637 Shanghai Street. Detective-Inspector C. P. Fallon, prosecuting, said that the accused lived with the complainant for about two months at 70 Reclamation Street last October. One night she went with him to the theatre, and the defendant absconded, taking everything that belonged to the woman. He did not give any money to her, except \$1 a month for fire-wood. When a Chinese detective arrested the man he found that he had pawned the clothing and other articles at various pawnshops on the mainland and in the island. He found the leather suit case in the man's house in Western Street.

Money Spent on Woman. Called as a witness for the defence, the accused's wife spoke of her husband having sold paid fields and property for \$1,760. But she did not receive a cent of that money, as it all went to the woman (complainant). Witness also alleged that her husband and the complainant had been assaulting her very badly. She had four children and the accused did not see his way to support them.

His Worship said that was all very interesting to hear but it was to be admitted that the accused had no right to take the woman's clothing away. It was hers, and he gave them to her.

Accused said that as the woman wished to be a prostitute, and he did not want her to be, he took away all the clothing which he had bought and given to her. His Worship passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

SPECTACULAR FIRE.

Two Houses Gutted and Three Persons Injured.

GREAT DAMAGE DONE.

Another serious outbreak of fire occurred in the early hours of this morning, and no fewer than three Chinese women were injured and had to be cared for at the Government Civil Hospital.

The fire broke out at a joss paper shop on the ground floor of No. 162, Queen's Road West, and the call for assistance was sent to the Central Fire Station at 3.55 a.m. All the fire-fighting appliances in the Colony, as well as the fire boats, responded and arrived on the scene a few minutes afterward, when it was seen that owing to the inflammable nature of the goods stored therein and the old-fashioned type of buildings, there was very little hope of saving the premises involved.

Saving Adjacent Buildings. Attention was then directed to saving adjacent buildings, and although the firemen fought the flames pluckily, the conflagration spread to such an extent that house No. 160 was soon involved.

By dint of hard work, the firemen succeeded in confining the blaze to the two houses mentioned. They were totally gutted. The "stop" call was finally given at 5.10 a.m.

Damage was also done by water to houses No. 158 and 164. It is understood that the joss paper shop was insured for \$6,000. The cause of the outbreak was said to be due to a fused electric wire.

Escape Cut Off? In connection with the disastrous fire, three women were taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. They were said to be occupants of the second floor in house No. 164. Either their means of escape was cut off or it might have been that, in their fright, they jumped down to the ground from the rear of their flat. They fortunately only sustained slight injuries. Their names are Ho Chat (54), Ho Mei (20), and Li Kuen (28).

"QUITE GLAD."

To Impose Fine for an "Irritating Offence."

SUMMONS SERVICE.

At the Marine Court this morning, Comdr. G. F. Hole expressed himself being quite glad that someone at last was brought before him for blowing a steam whistle for purposes other than that of navigation.

The culprit was Lo-Sik, master of the steam launch Kwong Sam, who pleaded "Guilty" to the charge, and in imposing a fine of \$20, his Worship said that he was glad because an offence of that nature was most difficult to prove and that it was also a very irritating offence.

Dumping Rubbish. Two Chinese motor-drivers were summoned before the same Court for dumping rubbish into the harbour. One of the defendants was present and on his admitting the charge, he was fined \$50.

The other man was absent and the Police officer informing his

LADIES SURPRISED.

Strange Men in Their Rooms.

ROBBERIES AVERTED.

An attempted robbery occurred in the early hours of this morning at 350 Nathan Road, which is in a block of buildings of the President Apartments, the residence of the married families of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

It appears that at 4.30 Mrs. MacPherson who lives at No. 530, first floor, woke up and found a man in her room. At 5.28, also on the first floor, Mrs. Mullet was in the same predicament, a man having entered her living room.

However, both ladies' husbands gave the alarm and the two Chinese men fled, and have not been located as yet.

When they had gone, it was found that the two would-be thieves had cut the furs of some coats and heaped them up, but these they left behind.

They had helped themselves to Golden Syrup, butter, meat, and bread, and to all appearances had engaged in making meat sandwiches for themselves to enjoy!

FAN-TAN ON SHIPS.

Arrests on the S.S. Anhui.

TEMPTING PASSENGERS.

At the Kowloon Police Court to-day two Chinese were charged before Mr. Whyte-Smith with running fan-tan games on the B. & S. steamer Anhui.

Detective-Sergeant Humphreys said that the Anhui arrived from Singapore yesterday with 800 passengers, and the two accused boarded her and began the fan-tan game. They had no business on board, but the officers of the ship had no control over these people, especially where there were so many of them on board.

Sergeant Humphreys added that it was that type of men, who often rendered passengers penniless through gambling. His Worship, on learning that both men had previously been convicted for gambling, fined them \$50 or one month's hard labour each.

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Attack on Record to Britain.

ARRIVAL AT KHARTOUM.

Rugby, Saturday. The Duchess of Bedford, who left Capetown on Monday on her return flight to England, arrived at Khartoum yesterday afternoon. She left Khartoum at 6.15 this morning for Assuit, or possibly Cairo, and hopes the return flight to England will beat the record established on her outward journey when, in nine and a half days she flew 9,250 miles to Capetown.—British Wireless Service.

BURNING SHIP.

Abandoned in Long Island Sound.

New York, Apr. 24. Blazing almost to the water's edge, the freighter Thames to-night was abandoned in Long Island Sound between the New York and Connecticut shores.

Latest advices declare that 25 members of the crew of the Thames took to their boats when it was evident that they could not overcome the flames.

The Sound steamer Lexington has picked up nine of the men from the burning ship. Best available information indicates that the remainder of the crew is safe in life boats.—United Press.

AIR MAILS.

Lindberg Inaugurates New Service.

Washington, Saturday. An important step in Pan-American air communication has been inaugurated by Colonel Charles Lindbergh, namely a seven-day air mail service from New York to Buenos Aires and Monte Video, speeding up the mails by four days.—Reuter's American Service.

LORD BIRKENHEAD.

London, Saturday. Lord Birkenhead, who broke a blood vessel while staying at Biarritz a fortnight ago, has returned to England and is now staying at his country house.—Reuter.

Worship that the summons against the absentee was not served on him personally but to a foki, his Worship held that unless a summons was served personally on the offender, it was no service at all.

He adjourned the case for another summons to be served on the man personally.

ELECTRIC FITTINGS

Stolen by a Young Criminal.

A BAD RECORD.

Formerly employed by Mr. F. Laffeur, of 8, Granville Road, a youth named Chung Yauk-mong (17) was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith charged as follows: (A) that he on April 25 did cut from the ground floor of 4, Granville Road (unoccupied) a quantity of insulated electric wire, the property of Mr. P. C. Ho, manager and rent collector, residing at 495, Nathan Road.

(B) that he on April 19 did steal from the third floor of 4, Granville Road, a pair of linen trousers, the property of Wong Shi, an amah.

(C) that he on April 25 was found at 11 p.m. on the roof of 2, Granville Road, the residence of Mr. F. M. Xavier, clerk, for the purpose of committing a felony. Accused pleaded guilty to all three charges.

Hiding on the Roof.

Detective-Sergeant Kellett stated that the accused was arrested on the night of April 25, when Mr. Xavier found him on the roof, hiding behind a flush water tank. Further enquiries made by the Police revealed the fact that the culprit had stolen the trousers from the passage way of No. 4, and had pawned them. On the morning of April 20, the landlord went to inspect his house at 4, Granville Road, and when he opened the door the foki found the defendant just leaving by the back door. He was chased and caught. It was later found that the culprit had broken a glass pane in the window, and had gained entrance by that method. The damage which the man did by pulling the wires out rendered the house subject to entirely new fittings, which would cost over \$100.

Previous Convictions.

Scanning through the accused's record sheet, his Worship said: "You've got a very bad record. Six strokes in 1926, and in the same year 12 strokes. One month for larceny last year."

The accused was sentenced to eight months' hard labour.

MISSING WATCH.

European Lady's Loss.

FOUR MONTHS FOR COOLIE.

A report to the Police by Mrs. R. Weill of the larceny by a servant of a platinum wrist watch, valued at \$1,200, from her office in the Exchange Building, on Friday, had a sequel at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Chan Pak-kun, a coolie, was charged with the theft. Accused, in Court, admitted the charge.

Sergeant Kirby, detailing the circumstances of the case, stated that on the afternoon in question Mrs. Weill handed the watch over in order to have it repaired to Mr. Brook, of Sennet Freres. They inadvertently left the watch behind on leaving the office, and on returning, it was missing.

At 5.30 the same afternoon the coolie was seen attempting to pawn the watch for \$12 in a shop in Wellington Street, and was arrested by a Chinese detective. He advanced by way of explanation that his brother, who had left the Colony, had given him the watch. It was found, however, that the brother was actually serving a term in jail for a similar offence!

Mrs. Weill and Mr. Brook having briefly spoken as to the loss of the watch, His Worship passed sentence of four months' imprisonment.

Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail" April 28, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 4/104d.

An action will be heard in the Supreme Court in the course of these few days in which Dr. Wu Ting-fang, Minister of Finance for the Canton Military Government, will apply for an order from the Court against the interim injunction granted in Hong Kong last week, to prevent the removal by Dr. Wu of any moneys deposited in his name in Hong Kong Banks, on the grounds that the injunction is "trivial and vexatious."

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., with Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. F. C. Jenkin representing Dr. Wu Ting-fang, and the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., with Mr. Eldon Potter, the Canton Military Government.

It is understood that the amount involved is in excess of \$2,000,000.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"The Ghost Talks" at the Queen's.

VARIED FARE.

A new phase in the detection of criminals, that of scientific study, leaps into the limelight in the Fox Movietone all-talker "The Ghost Talks," starring Charles Eaton and Helen Twelvetrees, which is being screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day finally, at 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 and 9.20 p.m., respectively.

As the title implies, the film is a thriller, but is not without humour. Preceding the talkie film, there is screened a Hearst Metrophone, in which one is thrilled to see the steamer Muenchen burning at the New York wharf. It was spectacular to see the French Guard marching past, and delightful to hear the military band playing. The reel also gives glimpses of Morocco.

Then came an all-talker comedy, "Rail Roadin'," featuring Hal Roach's rasicals, more familiarly known as Our Gang. The picture is quite exciting, but the participants' voices are too highly pitched to be clearly understood.

A short musical revue was given by the Keller sisters and Mr. Lynch, the singing trio. They gave three bright, jazzy numbers, including "Bacon." Their singing was harmonious and their voices clear.

BEAUTIFUL ESTHER RALSTON.

Stage life with all its glamour and problems is revealed to the public in a powerful Paramount picture, "The Spotlight," which opened at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, last night. It is a fascinating story that "The Spotlight," tells, and certainly Esther Ralston is a winsome star.

She makes you weep when you first see her as the timid girl trying to be friendly with an unfriendly world. Then she makes you gasp with admiration when she blossoms forth as a dazzling creature with a foreign accent and clothing that Cleopatra would envy. You suffer with her when she struggles over her problem and tries to arrive at a decision—a decision that means happiness or misery to her.

It is hard to tell whether this blonde girl, who rises to new dramatic heights in "The Spotlight," in more attractive as her blonde self or as the brunette she is transformed into during the picture. She is beautiful both ways, that much is certain.

Neil Hamilton gives an appealing characterisation as Norman Brooks, the man who loved the shadow and

almost overlooked the reality. You can't help but like Hamilton. He is sincere, convincing, and remarkably good looking.

Nicholas Soussanin, the serious faced Russian, wins new laurels with a strong portrayal of Hoffman, the theatrical producing genius. Ariette Marchal and Arthur Housman add strength to an excellent cast.

There is not a dull moment in "The Spotlight." The story is far above the ordinary. There is a real plot in abundance. There is humour, and there is that lure of the stage that adds an extra piquancy to situations that are in themselves gripping. To miss "The Spotlight" is to miss seeing one of the best pictures released this year.

"MELODY LANE."

Josephine Dunn, appearing in "Melody Lane" at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow, was born in New York on May 1, 1909. She attended the Holy Cross school there, studying secretarial work, until she joined a musical comedy company playing "Good Morning Dearie." She was 15 years old then.

Subsequently she appeared in other musical comedies, "The Demi-Tasse Revue," "Dear Sir," "Stepping Stones," with Fred Stone, "Kid Boots," with Eddie Cantor, and finally with Ziegfeld's "Follies" in 1924 and 1925.

After entering pictures she achieved successes in "Excess Baggage" and with Al Jolson in "The Singing Fool." She is a natural blonde, unmarried, and resides in Los Angeles.

KNOW THYSELF!

More Tips About Telephones.

As we are referring to telephone numbers in this paragraph, perhaps the heading is not strictly accurate. It could be said "Know thy telephone number." Perhaps you do, but there are many people who don't. Who wants to be awakened in the middle of the night, or brought out of his bathroom, or taken downstairs, to answer a telephone call which is not intended for him? You don't, and neither do the Company.

Yet you can unknowingly cause somebody else such inconvenience by not knowing how to use your telephone correctly or by being careless about dialling the correct number given in the Directory. So many people trust their telephone numbers to memory. When they make a mistake and get the number they asked for, but which happens to be the wrong one, they blame the operator. There will not be any operators to blame after May 3.

MEI LAN-FANG.

Enthusiastic Lionising by San Francisco.

COMING BACK TO CHINA.

San Francisco, April 21. The Chinese actor, Mei Lan-fang, here after a triumphal tour in the Eastern states, to-day received word that he had been elected an honorary member of the China Society of America, in New York.

The actor spent to-day visiting the mayor of the city, Mr. Rolph, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, and other prominent persons. He thanked all citizens for the reception accorded him on his arrival in the United States and his reception when he reached here on Sunday on his way back to China.

The actor was escorted to the Tivoli Theatre when he arrived here yesterday and was given honours similar to those accorded the greatest native and foreign actors. Mayor Rolph presented Mr. Mei with keys to the city.

Difficulty is anticipated in accommodating throngs who wish to view Mei's performances here. The actor is attending a round of receptions and tea parties in his honour. The newspapers hail him as the greatest of Oriental dramatic artists.—United Press.

and from that date on wrong number calls will simply be due to carelessness on the part of telephone users.

The Telephone Co. in their simple instructions, in the Directory say: "Consult the Directory first." We would also add: "Keep the Directory in front of you while you are dialling a number." It is very easy to go wrong at the start with five-figure numbers, though once you get familiar with them you may be able to remember those numbers which you most use.

Don't forget, however, that when you make a mistake you won't know it until the called subscriber answers. Therefore, make sure by consulting the Directory and knowing definitely what the number is when you are dialling.

"DANDY COONS."

To Help H.M.S. Sepoy Fund.

A concert is being given in St. John's Cathedral Hall this evening, commencing at nine o'clock, by the "Dandy Coons," who will submit an entirely new programme.

The proceeds are to be devoted partly to the Sepoy disaster fund and partly to the St. Peter's Church fund. Tickets are priced at one dollar each. Service men in uniform, fifty cents each.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Tea Dance at Peninsula Hotel, 6 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, Repulse Bay, and Peninsula Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "The Ghost Talks."

To-day—Star Theatre, "Tide of the Empire" (matinee); Ruth Van Valey and Company in "The New Yorkers," 9.15 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre, "The Bushranger."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "The Spotlight."

To-morrow—Helena May Institute Concert.

To-day—Concert by "The Dandy Coons" in Cathedral Hall, in aid of Sepoy Relief Fund and St. Peter's Church, 9 p.m.

Sports

See Special Sports Diary on page 9.

Home Malls.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Victoria B.C. (Pres. Cleveland), 5 p.m.; for Europe via Siberia (Pres. Cleveland), 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Antenor).

Lammerts' Auctions.

To-morrow—At 139 Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong, household furniture, 11 a.m.

May 5—At Dr. Heanley's Laboratory and dwelling house, household and office furniture and laboratory glassware, 2.30 p.m.

Land Sales.

April 28—At P.W.D. Offices three lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

To-morrow—Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

April 30—Macao Electric Lighting Co. Ltd., Prince's Buildings, noon.

May 7—Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

May 16—Forty-ninth annual meeting of Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's Office, noon.

Miscellaneous.

May 9—Union Church Annual Spring Jumble Sale.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 metres:—

6.15 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.10.30 p.m.—European Programme of H.M.V. and Victor Records by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie and Company:—

"L'Amour Sorcier (Love, The Magician)" (De Falla);

"La Vida Breve (Spanish Dance)" (De Falla);

Symphony Orchestra conducted by Piero Coppola.

"Ich Weiss Auch Nix ... Gar Nix" ("Der Rosenkavalier"—R. Strauss);

"Closely Scene" ("Der Rosenkavalier"—R. Strauss);

Recorded during an actual public performance at the Berlin State Opera House, in 1923.

"I'll See You Again" ("Bitter Sweet"—Coward);

"Dear Little Cafe" ("Bitter Sweet"—Coward);

Peggy Wood and George Metaxa, Vocal Duet.

"Capriccio Italian, Op. 45" (Tchaikovsky);

Berlin State Opera Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Leo Bleck.

"Dear Love"—Vocal Gems (Wood, Tunbridge, Waller);

Light Opera Company.

"Angela Ever Loving" (Wood, Tunbridge, Waller);

Tchaikovsky.

"Hail, Gladdening Light" (Wood);

Choir of St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

"Czar Sultan—Suite No. 3" (Rimsky-Korsakov);

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.

"Wake Up and Dream" (Porter);

What Is This Thing Called Love" (Porter);

George Metaxa, Tenor with Orchestra.

"The Journey's End" (De Hance, arr. Hewett);

"The Deathless Army" (Trotter);

Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone with orchestra.

"An Old Flame" (John Henry Assisted by Gladys Horridge);

"Yellow Sands" (Ewing);

"Neath the Desert Moon" (Ewing);

Arthur Meale, Organ Solo.

"I'm A Dreamer (Aren't We All)" (De Sylva, Brown & Henderson);

"If I Had A Talking of You" (De Sylva, Brown & Henderson);

Gracie Fields, Comedienne with orchestra.

"In A Japanese Garden" (Higley);

"The Sacred Hour" (Kotelbey);

Reginald Foot, Violinist Organ.

"Prince of Mind" (Gibbons);

"There's Room In My Heart" (Gibbons);

Walter Glynn, Sydney Coltham and George Baker.

"Serenade" (Toselli);

"Unlucky Number Thirteen" (Weston);

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"The Pirates of Penzance" (Gilbert-Sullivan);

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"The Pirates of Penzance" (Gilbert-Sullivan);

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2. Hold, Monsters!—E. Griffin, G. Baker, S. Robertson & Chorus.

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"The Pirates of Penzance" (Gilbert-Sullivan);

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2. Softly Slipping—G. Baker and Male Chorus.

Now What Is This, and What Is That?—G. Baker, D. Oldham, E. Griffin and Full Chorus.

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COMMUNISTS JAILED

Sequel to Demonstrations Held Recently.

New York, April 21.

William Foster and three other Communist leaders were sentenced to prison terms ranging from one day to three years to-day.

The men were convicted of agitation against public order as a result of Communist demonstrations here during the past three months.

Mr. Foster and three others were arraigned in the Magistrate's court in New York on March 11 on charges of felonious assault and were described by the police department as "communist pests of which the city should be rid."

Mr. Foster was ordered to be held without bail, in spite of the protests of his attorney, when the magistrate learned that the accused had served 30 days in prison in Spokane, Wash., in 1927, for violation of the Free Speech Act.

The International Labour Defence, which already had provided bail of \$2,500 each for the accused, announced it would seek bail on the second charge.—United Press.

UPPER YANGTZE SHIPPING.

N.K.K. Agree To Demands Of The Pilots.

Hankow, April 22.

The shipping service which has been suspended between Ichang and Chungking for some months past owing to the strike of the Chinese pilots was resumed to-day, when the Nishan Kisen Kaisha agreed to the claims of the pilots.—Rengo.



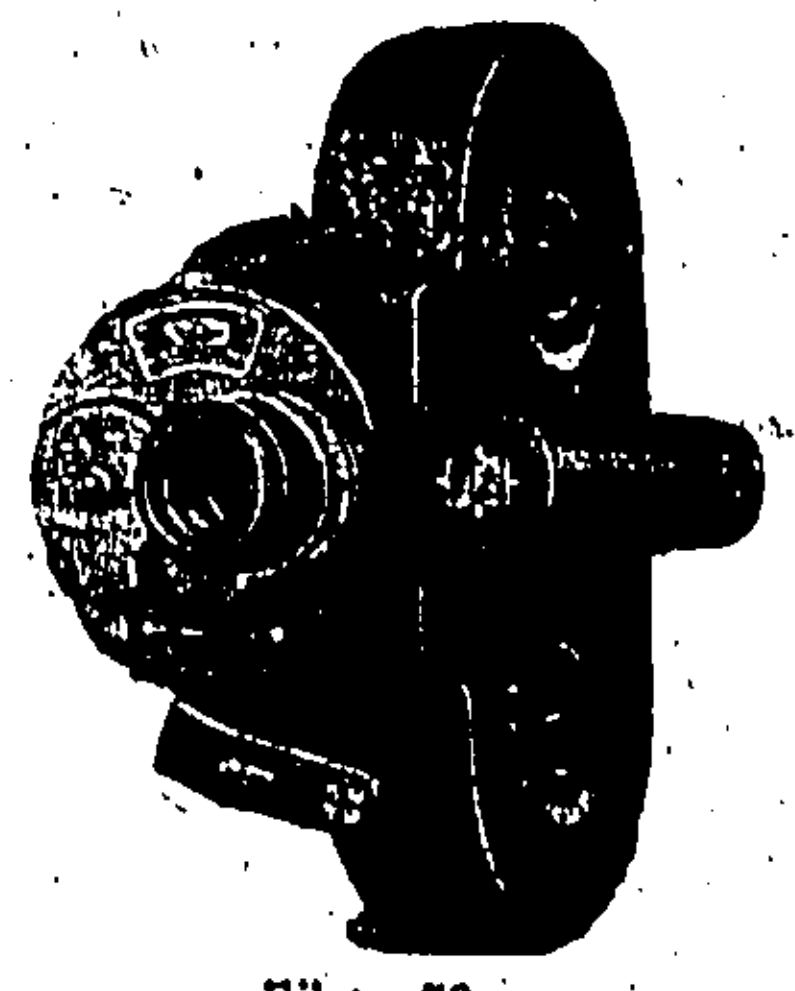
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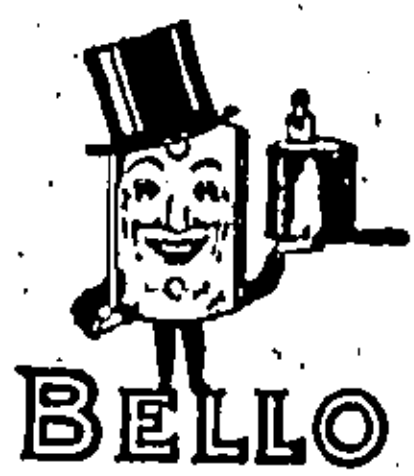
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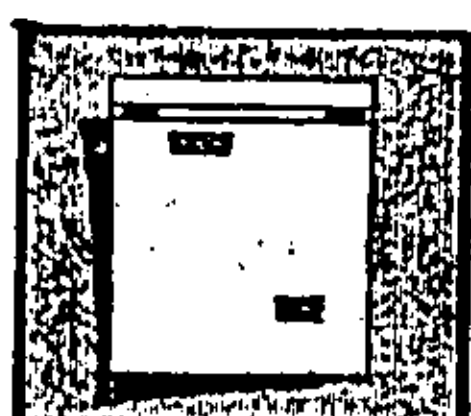
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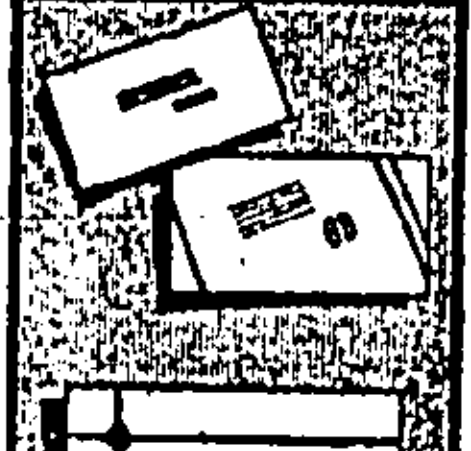
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CHANNEL TUNNEL.

**A Rash and Hazardous
Speculation?**

Although the Channel Tunnel Committee, after sitting on the fence throughout the report, finally came down on the side of the project, they do so in singularly unenthusiastic and unconvincing terms. Leaving other considerations out of account, it is clear that financially the tunnel would be a rash and hazardous speculation, in which the money of the State ought not to be sunk. Even the popular idea that it would provide a great deal of employment is shown to be unfounded. It is estimated that the construction of the pilot tunnel which must precede the construction of the traffic tunnels, would occupy five years and only give employment indirectly as well as directly to about 1,000 men, says Truth.

Whether private capital to the amount of \$30,000,000 could be raised for the enterprise—half in Britain and half in France—is open to question. The Committee observe that it is "largely a matter of personal feeling in favour of the tunnel." For my part, I doubt whether it would materialise in the subscription of so many millions. In dealing with the possibilities of the project for Continental trade—the Committee say that in their survey they have assumed that no discriminatory

A VAIN HUNT.

**"Blake Millions"
Hope.**

The three American women who sailed from their home on March 1 to a share of the mythical "Blake Millions" reached Southampton recently in the Cunard Aquitania. They are Mrs. Mary Flynn, Miss Ella Leonard, and Miss Anne Minsham, all of Massachusetts.

The Daily Mail has already revealed the truth about the "Blake Fortune." It was left by Mrs. Helen Blake, widow, who died intestate in London in 1870, leaving no known next of kin, and has been erroneously stated to be as much as \$16,000,000.

Chancery officials, however, state that the only money paid into Chancery (which administers estates awaiting rightful heirs) from Mrs. Blake's estate represents a comparatively small sum earmarked for costs. "We are three souls full of hope," said Mrs. Flynn to a Daily Mail reporter, "but as far as our mission is concerned we can say nothing at the moment. We hope to return home wealthier than we have come." The Daily Mail

GYPSY KINGS.

**Fight for Throne in
Poland.**

Mieczyslaw Wajnbly, special correspondent, United Press, writes:— Poland's gypsies have two kings. There is King Bazyli, whose seat of government is located in the Warsaw suburb of Marymont, and King Michael II, who has his humble palace in the village of Piastow, 20 kilometres from Warsaw. The United Press Correspondent has interviewed both of the monarchs, has examined their papers and talked with their followers, and he is still at a loss to say which of the two is the real king of the gypsies of Poland.

Bazyli had been king for some time when the gypsy tribes gathered in Piastow a month or two ago and elected a new ruler, Michael, the son of King Gregor, who had been the gypsy sovereign for 25 years. Several days later Michael was crowned at elaborate ceremonies held in the lending restaurant of Piastow. Present at the coronation were representatives of the Polish government, the sheriff of Warsaw and one or two police officials. They undersigned the documents testifying to the election and coronation of Michael. This, however, did not settle the question of the succession. Bazyli was more insistent than ever in his contention that he was the genuine king. He asserted that Michael had been elected by gypsies who were not Poles, who had fictitious names and who possessed forged police passes. Hence their action was invalid and he, Bazyli, remained king.

Receiving an official of the starostel (sheriff's office) of Warsaw and the correspondent in his royal quarters in Marymont, on the street floor of a small dwelling house, King Bazyli set forth in uncertain terms his attitude toward his rival. At first he was rather taken by surprise by the visit, but when he learned that one of his visitors was a newspaperman he immediately became all that one expects of a king.

Bazyli, who is about 35 years old and not at all of the conventional gypsy type, began by declaring that "it is untrue that I have been thrown over by my people. I was and am king of all the Polish gypsies. Those who have elected Michael are foreigners, Serbs, Hungarians, Roumanians. They all use forged passes; they are all swindlers and robbers."

"How is this possible," he was asked, "when the Polish police are so strict and careful about passes?" Laughing, King Bazyli drew two documents from his pockets. These were formal statements from a government office in East Galicia to the effect that neither Michael nor his brother had ever lived there as they claimed. There followed other papers and other verbal denunciations until Bazyli felt that he had convinced his callers of the justice and righteousness of his position. Then he informed them that thousands of Polish gypsies stood behind him and were helping him and that, in any event, he was planning to prove that "the new king is a simple scoundrel."

From Marymont the sheriff's office and the correspondent drove to Piastow to call upon Michael. They found the "royal palace" tucked away in the attic of an apartment building. It was a small, bare room, almost wholly devoid of furniture, the living quarters of 17 adults and eight children. In a corner was a pile of pillows, apparently used for sleeping purposes at night, and along one wall stood two chests, the only "fittings" furniture in the place. King Michael was sitting on the two visitors came in his father, the former King Gregor, doing the talking for the group of gypsies. Albert, the old man, who is probably over 80, spoke with great caution. He began by discussing newspapermen and other "writing people."

"I have never," he said proudly, "touched my fingers to ink, and my children have never had to do so. In spite of this we are well off, fairly wealthy, in fact." To prove it he opened one of the chests and brought out dozens of silver chains, elaborate necklaces and other pieces of jewellery. Asked for details concerning the election of Michael to kingship, Gregor said: "For more than 25 years I was king of the gypsies. Later I have become old and tired and for that reason I asked my people to elect a new king. Nine of the head people of the various tribes of Polish gypsies came here for that purpose and many others came to attend the coronation. I said to my son, 'I am too old to continue to rule over you. I want you to take over my power.' All those who were present supported my son."

Later, King Michael spoke up to defend the character of his followers. He said he wanted to establish a permanent colony in Piastow and perhaps set up a kettel factory or workshop most of his people were kettelmakers. He said his people were all honest, that he had forbidden them to steal. The sheriff's officers admitted that in the month that the gypsies had been in Piastow there had not been one complaint of theft brought against them by the permanent residents of the village.

When asked about Bazyli's assertion concerning their "forged" passes, the whole of Michael's court, consisting of about 30 persons who had crowded into the room, broke out into a chorus of voluble and unanimous denials. They called Bazyli a traitor and said that he was "angry because he had lost his position as king." They said that he had demanded a monthly salary from his followers and because of this they had turned away from him. King Michael, they added, was rich and needed no financial help from the gypsies, although, of course, they would be glad to give it if they saw that he needed it.

GOODWILL MISSION.

**Ex-Foes to Join on
Battlefields.**

Frederick Kuh, (United Press) writes from Berlin on March 21: Exactly sixteen years after the German military machine rumbled towards Paris in those harrowing days of August, 1914, an "army" of several thousand German ex-service men is expected to invade France on a goodwill mission among the world war battlefields.

If the scheme materialises, the peace rally between French and German ex-soldiers will be one of the outstanding events of the summer. Former troops of the German imperial army are to encounter thousands of ex-politicians at the scenes of their most bitter fighting, and the purpose of the excursion will not be to measure their strength in arms, but to measure the friendship which has replaced wartime animosities.

Details of the plan were revealed to the United Press by one of the project's chief organisers, Major Karl Mayr, an executive of the German republican ex-service men's legion, the Reichsbanner. During the war Major Mayr was attached to the German general staff. The Reichsbanner, of which he is one of the leaders, is backed by the Catholic, Democratic and Socialist parties, and is devoted to the defence of the new German republic, and is opposed to fascism and monarchism and claims a membership of millions. The other big German ex-service men's organisation, the Steel Helmet, which is Nationalist and inclined to keep alive the martial spirit of the old army, the Reichsbanner, although disavowing pacifism, is anti-militarist and a stronghold of republicanism.

The Reichsbanner believes that Franco-German understanding will receive fresh impetus from the spectacle of swarms of French and German war veterans, including invalids, fraternising amid the fields and villages where their countrymen were killed or mutilated in the most destructive fighting of the war.

The Reichsbanner has already discussed the plan with an analogous French organisation, the Confederation des Combattants, Republicans, of which Briand, Herriot and Paul Boncour are honorary presidents. Briand is said to look upon the proposal favourably, while it is known that members of the present German government are in sympathy with the project.

"We hope to send eight to ten thousand Reichsbanner ex-service men to France for the rally," Major Mayr told the United Press. "We intend to meet our French friends at Chemin-des-Dames and hold a vast peace demonstration there, at which the speakers may include Briand or the president of the French chamber, Ferdinand Buisson, and Otto Hoersing, chief of the Reichsbanner and ex-president of the province of Saxony. Perhaps a member of the German cabinet will also be among the speakers."

"It has been suggested that we proceed from Chemin-des-Dames to Paris and hold a mass-meeting at the Trocadero in order to carry our goodwill message into the heart of the French capital. "Then we are to move on to Verdun to place wreaths on the graves of French soldiers. Afterward we plan a memorial service at the German cemetery in Romagne-sous-le-Coteau near Fort Douaumont, where six thousand German soldiers are buried."

Unofficial assurances have already been received intimating that the French government will facilitate the German veterans' journey to France and to the battlefield reunion with French ex-soldiers. The Reichsbanner is also negotiating with the German government for special railway transportation privileges, on which the realisation of the scheme largely depends.

"The Reichsbanner men," Major Mayr explained, "will wear the field-grey uniforms of our organisation, but merely pin the Reichsbanner insignia to their lapels." The Franco-German ex-service men's rally is planned for August to coincide with the anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities. Those who will go, if the scheme is carried out, will be mostly former rank-and-file army men. Unemployment, by which these ex-soldiers are now hard hit, may prevent many of them from joining the demonstration for lack of funds, but Major Mayr is confident that the rally will be an impressive success. He himself intends to visit Paris soon to consummate the arrangements.

"As ex-service men it is our duty to play an active part in creating the bond of peace," he said. "We believe that a better understanding between France and Germany must be the cornerstone of this idea."

THE UNBORN CHILD.

**Judge's Stern Words to
a Girl.**

Mr. Justice Rowlett spoke strongly at Kent Assizes, about the duty of unmarried girls who are expectant mothers. "He bound over a girl who pleaded guilty to infanticide at Sittingbourne, and in doing so said:—

"You see where you have got yourself by concealing this thing. It was a human life, and it has been sacrificed, but you think you intended to kill it, and you tried to conceal it afterwards. I am sorry for you, but you must learn your duty towards the child who is going to be born. It is no good sending you to prison. I shall release you."

Have You Heard?

The Flapper: "Now, mother, do try and remember what I want you to do. If Harry comes, telephone Jack that I can't meet him because I've got to keep an appointment with George."

She: "What do you think of women who imitate men?"
He: "They are fools."
She: "Oh, I really don't believe they imitate them to that extent."

A youthful entrant was shrilly whistling a popular air within the sacred precincts of the office.

"Here, that won't do," said the scandalised chief; "we can't have you whistling music-hall airs in this office."

"Well, sir," replied the young hopeful, "you can't expect grand opera for fourteen bob a week."

She: "I'm so sorry, Bertie, but I really cannot marry you. Perhaps some other girl will make you forget me."

He: "It's no good, Vera; I can never forget you."

She: "Oh, yes, I think you can. You did it very well on my last birthday."

A traveller staying for a weekend in a village was telling the oldest inhabitant that he could not imagine how people managed to live in such a dull place.

"Well, zur," said the man, "you should stay until next week, and then you'd see the whole countryside stirred up."

"Why, what is going to happen?"

"We'll be ploughing!"

"Jake, I be terrible troubled with a pain in my hip, and I dunno what it can be," said old George to his park friend.

"Touch 'er rheumatism, most likely," suggested Jake.

"Nay, I don't think so," declared George, "cos the pain is only in the one spot. I think it must be a touch of that hypnotism."

A salesman had a typist whose spelling left much to be desired. She had a habit of pressing the wrong keys and distorting certain words.

"I say, Miss!" bawled the salesman, as he read a letter through. "What's this word?"

"Oh," replied she, nonchalantly. "That's 'potato'."

"Well," said he, grimly, "next time you get a potato spelt 'p-o-t-a-t-o,' just get to work and cut the 'eyes' out of it!"

Vocalist: "I'm afraid I didn't do very well."

Wireless Announcer: "Oh, that's all right. As a matter of fact, through an error, you were announced as 'Farmyard Imitations'."

Auntie: "This isn't a very good photograph of your baby, is it?"
Maise: No. But then he isn't a very good baby.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—
Bank, wire 1/8 1/16
Bank, on demand 1/8 3/4
Bank, 30 day's sight
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/8 1/4
Credits, 4 months' sight
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/7 3/16

On Paris—
On demand 934 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 1009 1/2

On Berlin—
On demand
On New York—
On demand 86 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 38 1/2

On Bombay—
Wire 101 1/2
On demand 101 1/2

On Calcutta—
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On Singapore—
On demand 65
On Manila—
On demand 73 1/2

On Shanghai—
On demand 78 1/2
30 day's sight (private paper)
On Yokohama—
On demand 74
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 12.80
Bar Silver in Hong Kong Par.
Copper Cash Nominal
Copper Cents 3 1/2 prem.
Rate of Native Inter-est 5 1/2 p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coll. 5 1/2 p.a.
Hong Kong Sub. Coll. 4 1/2 p.a.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 28th April 1930

STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Nom.	Pin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	...	...	...	1415	Dec.	[Final 21st Apr 1929] - 171 - \$10.25 Feb. 24, 30
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	181	Dec.	[Final 7th Dec 1929] - 100 - Apr. — 30
Mercantile Bk., Aust.	...	...	...	307	Dec.	[Final 1st Dec 1929] - 100 - Pending
Bank of Asia	109	...	...	193	Dec.	\$3 for 1929 Feb. 28, 30
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	92 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 27 for 1929] - 84 - Pending
Union Ins.	145	150	...	...	Dec.	[Final 1st Apr 1929] - 2 - May 24, 29
China Underwriters	...	...	...	14	Dec.	None May 24, 29
China Fire Ins.	385	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 30 cents Apr 1929] - 10 - May 24, 29
H. K. Fire Ins.	900	...	...	...	Dec.	\$4 for 1928 Mar. 26, 30
Shipping.						
Douglases	...	...	...	22 1/2	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ...
H. K. Steamboat	26	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	...	48	Dec.	[112 cts. 24 cts. preferred] - 100 - June 19, 29
Shell Transports	...	...	...	40	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 Jan. 6, 30
Union Waterboat	...	...	...	97 1/2	Dec.	[Int. 2% Coupon No. 55 free] - 100 - Mar. 10, 30
Mining.						
Benguet	...	...	...	6.70	Dec.	Interim 10 centavos Apr 1929 Apr. — 30
Kailan Mining Ad.	...	...	...	0.18	June	[Final 24 - free 17 Tax] - 100 - Dec. 17, 29
Langkat (Comb.)-Tls.	...	...	...	18.60	Oct.	[Final 1st Dec 1929] - 100 - ...
(Single)-Tls.	...	...	...	7 1/2	Oct.	Last div. for year 31-10-27 ...
Shai Exploration-Tls.	...	...	...	1.80	Dec.	None ...
Loans-Tls.	...	...	...	5.40	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ...
Rams	...	...	...	23	Mar.	Second Int. 1st Apr year 31-3-30 Mar. 25, 30
Troch Mines	...	...	...	21 1/2	Dec.	44th. low tax Coupon No. 91 Sep. 30, 29
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	151	...	...	...	Dec.	\$9 for 1929 Mar. 18, 30
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	...	38	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ...
China Providents	5	...	...	(5.10) 30	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ...
Hongkew-Tls.	...	...	...	245	Dec.	[Final 1st Apr 1929] - 100 - Mar. 31, 30
N. Engineering-Tls.	...	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 2.50 for 1929 Feb. 25, 30
Shanghai Docks-Tls.	...	...	...	125	Apr.	T. 7.50 for year 23-4-29 July 27, 29
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons-Tls.	19 1/2	13.40	...	...	Dec.	Final T. 2 Apr 1929 Mar. 17, 30
Shai-Cotton-(old)-Tls.	...	...	...	80	(Apr. and Oct.)	[T. 2.50 old] for half year Nov. 26, 29
(new)-Tls.	...	...	...	78		[T. 2.50 new] 31-12-29 Oct. 11, 29
Zoung Sings-Tls.	...	...	...	10	June	T. 2.00 for year 31-6-29 ...
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H.K. & S. Hotels	12.66	12.75	12.70	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1929 Apr. 7, 30
H. K. Lands	72 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 2nd Apr 1929] - 100 - Feb. 12, 30
Shanghai Lands-Tls.	245	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final T. 2 Apr 1929] - 100 - Mar. 12, 30
Humphreys	...	...	...	14 1/2	Dec.	\$1 for 1929 Feb. 8, 29
H. K. Realities	8.60	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 cents Apr 1929] - 100 - Mar. 24, 30
Chinese Estates	...	...	...	98	Dec.	\$4 for year 23-2-29 June 5, 29
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	...	...	...	21 1/2	Dec.	[Final 50 cents Apr 1929] - 100 - Mar. 18, 30
Peak Tram (old)	...	...	...	11.65	Apr.	[Int. 1st on old] for year June 7, 29
(new)	...	...	...	9.05	Dec.	[Int. 1st on new] 31-4-29 Feb. 14, 30
Star Feries	74	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1 for 1929 Mar. 12, 30
China Light (old)	23 1/2	...	...	18 1/2	Sept.	Int. 25 cts. Apr 31-3-30 Pending.
(new)	16 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	\$2.50 for 1929 Mar. 12, 30
H. K. Electric	72 1/2	...	...	127 1/2	Dec.	\$2.50 for 1929 Mar. 12, 30
Macao	23	...	...	...	Dec.	None ...
Sandakan Lights	6.05	...	...	...	June	None ...
H. K. Telephones	...	...	...	13	Dec.	Final 10 cents Apr 1929 Mar. 18, 30
China Buses-Tls.	10	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 2.50 for 1929 Feb. 21, 30
S'pore Tramways (Ord.)	...	...	...	10 1/2	Sept.	[1st on preference shares] - 100 - Feb. 6, 30
(Pref.)	18 1/2	...	...	...		[Subject to income tax...] ...
Industrials.						
China Sugars	80 c.	...	...	...	...	In Liquidation ...
Malayan Sugars	...	...	...	37	Dec.	Pa. 3 for 1929 April 11, 29
Cald. Macq. Ord.-Tls.	...	...	...	10	Dec.	Incorporated in May 1929 ...
(Pref.)-Tls.	...	...	...	10	Dec.	Incorporated in May 1929 ...
Canton Ice	...	...	...	24	July	None ...
Cements (comb.)	16.70	...	16.70	...	Dec.	[30 cents on old] for 1929 Mar. 10, 30
(new)	...	...	...	4 1/2	Dec.	[10 cents on new] for 1929 ...
H. K. Ropes	8.15	...	8 1/2	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ...
United Asbestos	5	...	...	...	...	...
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	23.15	23.40	23.35	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 Mar. 14, 30
Watsons	...	...	...	11	Oct.	70 cents for year 31-10-29 Mar. 31, 30
Der A Wings	80 c.	...	...	...	...	...
Lane Crawfords	...	...	3	...	Feb.	Last dividend for year 23-2-29 ...
Mackinnon	18	...	...	...	Feb.	\$2 for year 23-2-29 April 11, 29
Sincere	...	...	...	12	...	...
Wm. Powells	3.85	...	...	...	Feb.	25 cents for year 23-2-29 June 10, 29
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement	...	...	...	80 1/2	Mar.	(\$2.50 on preferred) for year July 5, 29
H. K. Construction	...	...	...	1.80	Dec.	None ...
Ind. G.P. Bonds	38 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	8 1/2	Prem.	...	...	...	Interest half yearly ...

Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL.

English Cup and League Results.

ARSENAL'S WIN.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

London, Saturday.

The English Cup has gone South, Arsenal securing the victory over Huddersfield at Wembley.

In the First Division Wednesday again won; but Blackpool, in the Second Division, were defeated by Swansea. In the Third Division—South—Plymouth lost to Crystal Palace, whilst in the Northern Section Port Vale and Stockport both won.

Full results and tables revised follow:—

Division I.

Aston Villa	2	West Ham	3
Burnley	1	Leicester	1
Derby	3	Newcastle	1
Everton	3	Sheffield U.	2
Leeds	3	Manchester U.	1
Manchester C.	1	Blackburn	1
Portsmouth	1	Middlesbrough	1
Wednesday	1	Grimsby	0
Sunderland	2	Birmingham	0

* Not played.

Division II.

Blackpool	4	Bradford	1
Cardiff	5	Bury	1
Charlton	4	Southampton	1
Hull	2	Tottenham	0
Notts County	1	Oldham	0
Preston N.E.	1	Chelsea	0
Reading	0	Millwall	1
Stoke	0	West Brom.	1
Swansea	3	Blackpool	0
Wolves	4	Bradford	4

Division III—North

Stockport	1	Southport	3
Darlington	1	Southport	3
Doncaster	0	York	1
Halifax	1	Barrow	1
Hartlepool	5	Crews	1
Lincoln	5	New Brighton	3
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Crystal Pal.	3	Plymouth	0
Exeter	0	Newport	4
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World News In Pictures

Seeks New Altitude Record.



Marshall Hendle, test pilot for the Lockheed Aircraft Company, Los Angeles, testing his oxygen apparatus prior to his attempt to create a new world's record in altitude for weighted planes. Hendle will carry a "pay load" of 1,100 pounds under the supervision of Joseph Nikerson, official of the National Aeronautic Association. Hendle hopes to attain a height of 31,000 feet to beat the mark of 20,200 feet, established in Germany.

To Combat Psittacosis.



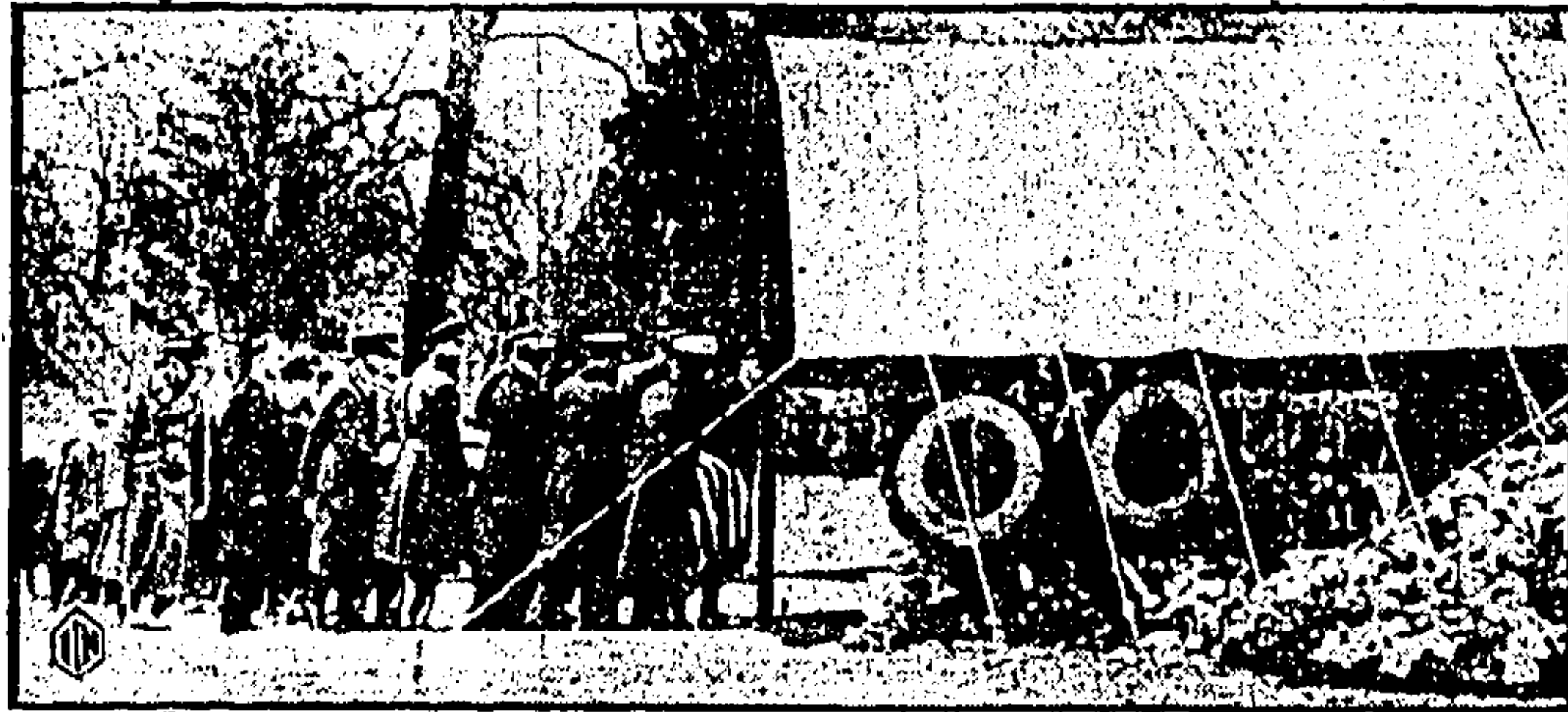
Miss Beth Kilpatrick, 22, parrot fever research worker, continuing her studies in the city laboratories, New York, to combat the dread disease, in spite of the fact that all the other women on the staff have been stricken while engaged in this research work.

To Take Record from Zep.



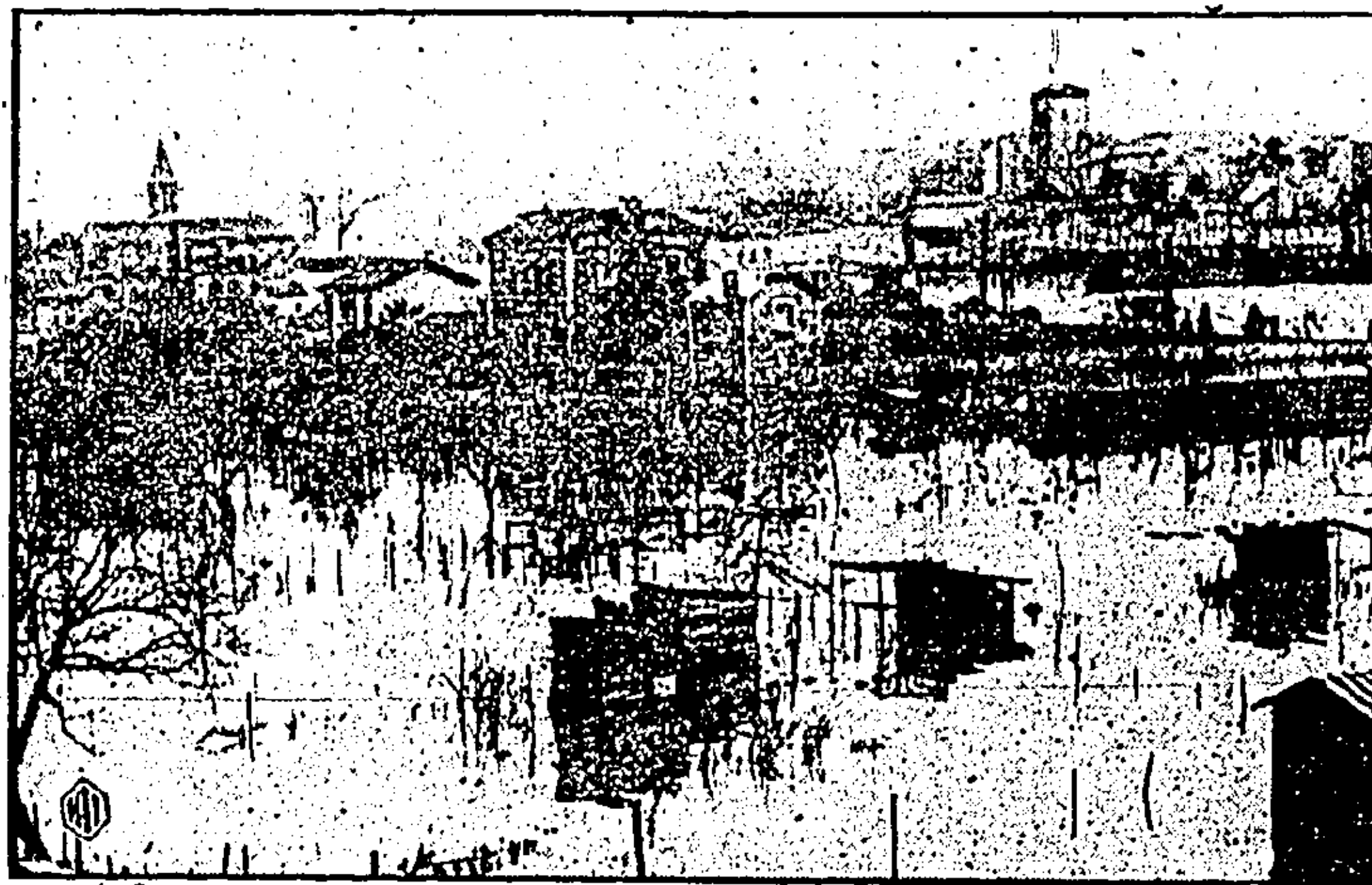
John Henry Mears, New York business man and world famous globe girder, seated in the cockpit of a training plane at Central Airport, Camden, N. J., where he is taking flying instructions. His purpose is, of course, the unswerving determination to get one more hold on the record for the around-the-world trip. In 1920, with Pilot Captain Charles B. Collier, he used a plane for a major part of the globe-circling exploit in which he established a record of 23 days. The record was shattered, however, for the very next year the Graf Zeppelin made the trip in 21 days.

Nation's Tribute to Taft.



The flag-draped casket containing the body of the former President and Chief Justice William Howard Taft being borne to the flower-banked grave in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C., where thousands paid silent tribute as the casket was lowered to its last resting place. Three salutes were fired over the grave after which a bugler sounded taps.

French Vineyards Ruined.



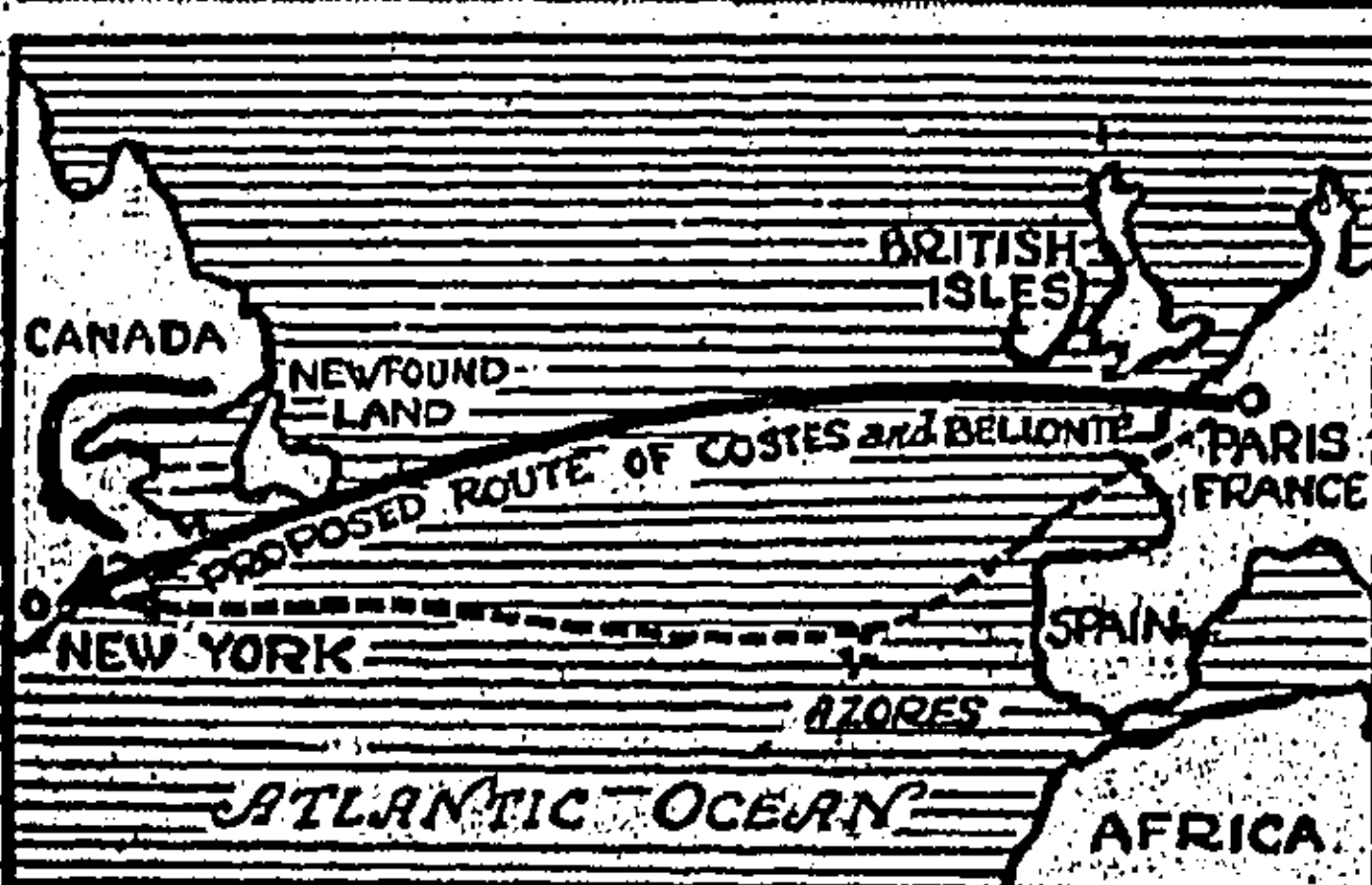
The partly submerged village of Languedoc during the recent disastrous flood which resulted from the collapse of the great Tarn River dam and swept over the Toulouse region, taking a toll of 172 lives and causing great property damage. The heart of France's richest vineyard district was completely wiped out by the flood waters, which covered thousands of acres and washed away the foundations of homes.

Great Concrete Bridge.



Work progressing on the Jack's Run bridge, which will be a link in the new Ohio River boulevard, running parallel to the Ohio River out of Pittsburgh. The bridge, which will be the largest concrete structure of its kind in the United States, will be 1,000 feet long and will have a single span 60 feet wide. The only larger concrete bridge in existence will be the one already standing in Germany.

To Try Atlantic Hop.



Jacques Belloc and Dieudonne Costes, noted French aviators, whose attempt to fly from Paris to New York failed last year. They plan to make the attempt again the early summer over the route indicated in the map (below). They hold the distance record, however, by their flight from Paris to Siberia.

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2900,000 on those of the previous year. You may have noticed that, as bearing upon the competition between Burma and Siam in the rice trade, the only reduction in duties proposed in the recent Indian Budget relates to rice, the export duty on which is reduced from 3 to 2½ annas per maund (about 1¼d. per cwt.) to correspond with the duty in Siam.

Java and Mauritius.

In view of the further fall in the price of sugar last year as the result of over-production and the fact that, so far at any rate as Mauritius is concerned, the cost of production now exceeds the selling price, you will not, I am sure, expect me to report favourably upon the position in either Java or Mauritius, and particularly of that in our Colony, where the planters are finding it impossible to make both ends meet. As compared with 1928 the exports of sugar from Java decreased from about 3,000,000 to 2,350,000 tons, the value falling from £31,300,000 to £24,500,000. The shipments from Mauritius, however, owing to a good crop, increased from 219,000 to 277,000 tons, practically all of which came to the United Kingdom in view of the present preferential duty on sugar coming from our colonies, but at £3,700,000 the increase in value was comparatively small. The position of the sugar industry is such that, naturally, the planters in Mauritius, like those in the West Indies, are anxious to know what the present Chancellor of the Exchequer intends to do in the matter of the sugar duty. In the meantime the Colonial Office have announced that the Government is prepared to give financial aid to the planters under certain circumstances, but so far as I can understand the announcement the offer of assistance does not go very far to meet the situation. The proposed increase of 2s. 3d. per cwt. on sugar imported into India does not, for the time being at any rate, affect Mauritius, but it will not be welcomed in Java from whence large shipments go to India. The total shipments of rubber from the Dutch East Indies last year are given to me as 254,000 tons dry basis valued at £23,700,000, the corresponding figures for 1928 being 227,600 tons and £21,000,000, but I confess to finding it difficult to reconcile some of the published figures relating to rubber.

China and Hong Kong.

If, in referring to China, I say it is very difficult to understand or follow the constantly changing political situation, I know you will not express surprise. But from the information at my disposal it seems clear that, in spite of Civil War, indifferent transport facilities, increased taxation and predations by bandits, there was a further improvement in trade last year, the very large increase in the receipts of the Maritime Customs giving evidence of this, though of course much of this increase is due to higher tariffs and probably to anticipation of these coming into force. At the same time I find that the shipments of cotton piece goods from the United Kingdom to China and Hong Kong last year decreased in both quantity and value when compared with 1928, the value falling from £6,460,000 to £5,170,000, this no doubt being due to Japanese competition. The fall in silver, however, from 26¼d. the average price in 1928 to 24.7½d., the average price last year, with the consequent decline of the Shanghai tael from an average rate of 2s. 7½d. to 2s. 4½d., and the decline in the average rate of the Hong Kong dollar from 2s. 0½d. to 1s. 10.1½d., was not helpful to Manchester shippers, while the further fall in silver this year to a record low level must be making business with China and Hong Kong very difficult. Arising from the decline in the value of silver the notes issued by the banks in Hong Kong rose to such a premium on silver dollars that the export trade, of that Colony was handicapped in competition with Shanghai, and to remedy this position the banks were asked to co-operate with the Government in bringing Hong Kong dollar notes more on a parity with the silver dollar—that is—to re-establish exchange on a silver basis, and this has now been accomplished, one of the results being the coinage of a large number of silver dollars for shipment to Hong Kong, which I regard with apprehension. It will be interesting to see what action China takes to protect herself against this serious depreciation in the value of silver, particularly as she is now the most important market for the metal. At present there are various rumours as to this, one going so far as to say that the importation will be prohibited and another that, following the example of India, she will impose a duty upon imports of silver. In the meantime and from February 1st import duties have been levied on a gold basis.

The Accounts.

After what has been a depressing

review of the past year it is a relief to turn to the accounts which, as you will see, show a net profit for the year of £257,458, or £7,258 more than in 1928, and this I may say is after providing a substantial sum out of profits to cover the depreciation in our Indian Government Securities, which have been written down to market value on December 31st last. This result, which I attribute largely to close supervision and the exercise of caution on the part of the Executive in London, is the more satisfactory because, owing to lower prices and by avoiding operations in which there was no reasonable margin of profit, such as inter-bank transactions, our turnover was less than in 1928, while in such a difficult year we could not expect to escape bad debts. The fact that the amount of profit and loss account carried to the balance sheet shows an increase of only £4,459 is due to only £162,046 having been brought in from 1928 against £164,846 at the end of 1927, but you will notice that upon this occasion we propose to carry forward £166,506. Out of the profit we have made the same allocations as in the previous year, that is £15,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, £30,000 to Reserve Fund and written £140,000 off freehold banking premises, while we recommend a final dividend of 8 per cent., less tax, on each class of shares. To comply with the new Companies Act you will see that the amount of the fees paid to your Directors is mentioned in the Profit and Loss Account for the first time. The balance sheet being in the usual form requires little comment. The total figures when compared with the previous year show a reduction, and speaking generally I may say the different items contributing to these lower figures reflect the conditions of business in the past year. The decline of £815,000 in our current fixed deposit and other accounts is not large, and due to higher rates for money all round. The reduction in loans payable, £250,000, is offset by the reduced holding of Government and other stocks, this being explained by the redemption of a Straits Settlements Government Loan. The lower figures relating to bills receivable and loans receivable and advances, together £555,000, are clearly due to the poor state of trade. There is a small increase in cash and bullion, while the increase in the figures under the head of freehold banking premises represents—principally—additional expenditure upon our new building at Singapore, which is now occupied by the bank and other tenants, less the amount written off.

Tribute to Staff.

I cannot conclude my remarks in reference to the past year without referring to the staff and the good work they have done for us throughout a difficult year, and on behalf of the Board I tender my thanks to all. You all know Mr. Stewart and Mr. Crichton and what close attention they give to your interests, but it is not to them only that we are indebted, but to Mr. Linton, the Sub-Manager, and all the other members of the staff in London, while I need not say the Managers of our many branches in the East and their staffs also deserve our thanks for the efficient and loyal service they have rendered.

Outlook for the Current Year.

I have now only to refer to the outlook for the current year and as this is more than usually obscure I will require to exercise extreme caution. In regard to industry in this country, it is more particularly the fear of additions to the already heavy burden of taxation that is creating a want of confidence, while the further fall in prices since the end of last year makes considerable adjustment necessary before we can expect a revival of trade. At present there would seem to be over-production everywhere and, owing to the disparity between wholesale and retail prices, manufacturers are in a difficult position as, while the high cost of living is maintained, wages cannot be reduced. Then as taxation in this country is now at the rate of £15 per head as compared with less than half that amount in countries with which we are in competition, it is not difficult to account for the growing increase in the number of our unemployed. It is true we have cheap money at present, but as this is largely due to depression in trade, while a high bank rate and industrial activity usually go together, I find it difficult to believe that cheap money alone is going to bring about an improvement in trade, as so many people have predicted. The trade of India will also require to adjust itself to the present comparatively low level of prices, but given another good monsoon, no labour troubles, and some improvement in the political situation, of which I do not despair, provided the Government do not allow the Independence Party to go too far, I would not expect to see any falling off in trade, and indeed I think the decline in prices will bring about confidence in the pos-

sition as the present prices of cotton, jute and tea would seem to form a safe basis for operations. In regard to imports, the proposed increase in the duty on all British cotton piece goods from 11 per cent. to 15 per cent., with a minimum of 8½ annas per lb., which may mean a blow to Lancashire but this, with the additional duty of 5 per cent. on all goods of non-British manufacture, gives the Bombay mills the opportunity of putting their house in order. Then as the result of the progress being made by the Lancashire Cotton Corporation and others in the direction of rationalisation, for the purpose, more particularly, of competing with Japan in India and other Eastern markets, I would hope to see not only a revival of trade in Lancashire, but larger imports of East India cotton into this country. The recent improvement in prices of tea will not only benefit India but Ceylon also, though that island, with British Malaya, would welcome some recovery in the price of rubber and which I am afraid can only be brought about by an increase in consumption. In the meantime a tapping holiday for rubber is proposed, while an effort is being made to restrict the production of tin, in which British Malaya is so largely interested, but I cannot bring myself to believe that any lasting benefit will result from these proposals, even if observed by the industries in America, using rubber and tin, from the effects of the recent collapse in that country is what is wanted. In Java also the price of rubber is an important factor, but, as in Mauritius, it is the price of sugar that counts most, and at about 10s. per cwt. cost and freight India for Java sugar and 11s. 6d. cost, freight and insurance London for Mauritius sugar, it is not possible to expect prosperity in either island. The trade of China will no doubt go on as in the past in spite of the many obstacles, but the heavy drop in the value of silver, which I cannot but think is at least partly due to speculation, must add to the disorganisation in that country and necessitate an adjustment of prices generally. Both Burma and Siam have good crops of rice, and at present low prices these should be marketed without difficulty. On the whole, therefore, I am not without hope that, as the year goes on, we may see some improvement in trade, and in any case you may depend that it will not be the fault of our Chief Manager and the staff if at this time next year we do not present you with satisfactory accounts. (Applause.)

I have now to propose—"That the report of the Directors with the audited statement of accounts and balance sheet at December 31, 1929, presented to this meeting, be and the same are hereby received, approved and adopted, and that a final dividend on the 'A,' 'B,' and 'C' Shares of this Bank of 8 per cent. be paid, making 16 per cent. for the year, less income tax, as recommended in the report, and the same is hereby confirmed."

I will ask the Deputy Chairman, Sir Thomas Catto, to second this resolution, but before I put it to the meeting I shall be glad to answer any questions which any Shareholder may wish to ask.

Sir Thomas S. Catto, Bt. (Deputy Chairman): Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution as proposed by the Chairman.

The Chairman: If there are no questions I will put the resolution to the meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: I have now to propose—"That Mr. J. O. Robinson and Mr. W. H. Shelford, the Directors retiring from the Board in rotation, be and are hereby re-elected Directors of this Bank."

I do not think there is anything for me to say on this resolution. You all know both Mr. Robinson and Mr. Shelford very well, and I need only say what very valuable Directors they are, and that they do all they possibly can for the Bank. I will ask Mr. Chalmers to second the resolution.

Mr. P. R. Chalmers: I have much pleasure in seconding the Chairman's proposition.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman: The next resolution relates to the Auditors, and that has to be proposed and seconded by Shareholders.

Mr. W. B. de Ste. Croix: I beg to propose—"That Messrs. Cooper Brothers & Co. and Messrs. W. A. Brown & Co. be re-appointed Auditors of the Bank, and that their remuneration be 800 guineas each for each audit."

Mr. R. G. Bamford: I beg to second that proposition.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. R. L. Godden: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, on behalf of the Shareholders I should like to tender my thanks and their thanks for the extremely able manner in which the Bank's affairs have been conducted, and the good showing which has been placed before us. Considering the difficulties of the past year it seems to me an

amazing piece of work, and, in spite of the gloom which has shrouded our Chairman's remarks, I cannot help feeling that we shall come out of it in the long run, and that the various optimistic touches he gave to us in his speech are enough to enhearten us in the future. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. A. Gardiner: Mr. Chairman, I have very much pleasure in seconding the motion.

Mr. Lyall: As an old Shareholder, I should like to add a few words in support of the motion before us. The Board have had a very difficult and anxious time—and the Staff too—during the past year, and I hope that, in spite of the threatening appearance of things, you will be able next year to put before us an equally satisfactory state of affairs. I am quite sure that if it depended upon the Board and the Staff that satisfactory state of things would be repeated, but so far as it depends upon wise and firm government—to put it mildly—I do not feel so confident. (Laughter.)

The vote was unanimously accorded.

The Chairman: I should like to thank Mr. Godden, Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Lyall for the very kind words they have said, and to thank you all for the manner in which you have supported the proposal. It is the staff, of course, as I always say, to whom thanks are more particularly due; but still, your directors, also, not only take a very keen interest in the Bank's affairs, but I think I may say that we all do our share of the work. Thank you all. The proceedings then terminated.

HOME INCOME-TAX.

Levy on Married Men on Leave.

The London correspondent of the Statesman reports to his paper:—I am authoritatively informed that there is every hope that the agitation against liability to income-tax in Britain of married men on leave from India and other parts of the Empire will prove successful. The matter was recently taken up by the Bengal and London Chambers of Commerce. The Indian Revenue has now indicated to the London Chamber that its attitude towards legislative proposals to remedy the anomaly is likely to be sympathetic, and the Chamber has placed the matter before the Chancellor of the Exchequer. There is a possibility that the position will be dealt with in the Finance Bill.

WAR PRISONERS.

Forced Labour in Chinese Sand-Pits.

Budapest, March 19. Rumours have come to ear lately that hundreds of Hungarian war prisoners, who were not able to return to their country after the way have been taken prisoners by the Chinese and compelled to work in Manchurian sand-pits under the supervision of Chinese coolies. Although the Foreign Office and the Hungarian Red Cross have no positive details on the subject, the Pest. Naplo states that diplomatic inquiries will shortly be started.

The Emotions And Digestion.

Why Laughter is Good At Mealtimes.

There is a curious relation between the emotions and the process of digestion. It is a scientific fact that sudden grief or joy will instantly arrest digestion and the functions of the stomach will not be resumed until the unusual emotion has subsided. The truth is that the stomach needs a good supply of rich, red blood to properly perform its duty and if the supply is called away to the brain digestion stops. If you worry and think about your troubles at mealtime you are on the road to indigestion, and the more you do it the more troubles you will have to think about. Laughter is an aid to digestion but plenty of rich blood is a necessity. That being the case, the first thing to do in dyspepsia, or indigestion, especially in the form of stomach trouble generally called nervous dyspepsia, is to build up the blood, and it is because Dr. Williams' pink pills do exactly this that they stand pre-eminent as a remedy in such cases. They are a tonic for the blood and nerves, and they begin at once to build up the system weakened by excess, worry, overwork, or other causes. The rich, red blood soon begins to show in cheeks and lips, the step is quick, the eyes are brighter, and the good effect is felt in every organ of the body. Two useful books, "Diseases of the Nervous System" and "What to Eat and How to Eat" will be sent free by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Singapore. Your own druggist sells Dr. Williams' pink pills, or you can order them directly by mail, post free, at \$1.50 the bottle, six for \$8.00 from the above address.

GOODS FOR ARSENAL.

Appeal from Provisional Court Judgment.

NO BARGAINING.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.

Judgment was reserved in the Appeal Court of the Provisional Court yesterday afternoon in the case brought by R. Otto, a German agent, against Mr. E. F. Schenemann, trading as the German Machine Co., of 7, Hankow Road, for £555 and costs, representing damages for alleged failure to take delivery of goods ordered from Germany to Tientsin.

Judgment was given in favour of the plaintiff in the lower court by Judge Yang, and the case was brought to the Appeal Court in which Judge W. Y. Hu, presided with Judges Chung and Chen.

The appellant contended that he could not take delivery of the remainder of the goods as they would be seized as contraband by the Nationalist troops in Tientsin. This he explained was because he sold the goods in 1927, these being in form of seamless tubes, to the Tientsin arsenal to be made into guns and fire-arms.

Use for Tubes or Pipes.

The respondent said that he was not informed of this and as the goods had been already shipped to Tientsin, delivery had to be made. The tubes or pipes, he said, could not be transformed into the requirements of an arsenal. The presiding judge questioned the respondent at length, and asked what the pipings were used for, the latter replying that they could be made into a great number of things, and that it was not his business to know what the appellant especially wanted them for.

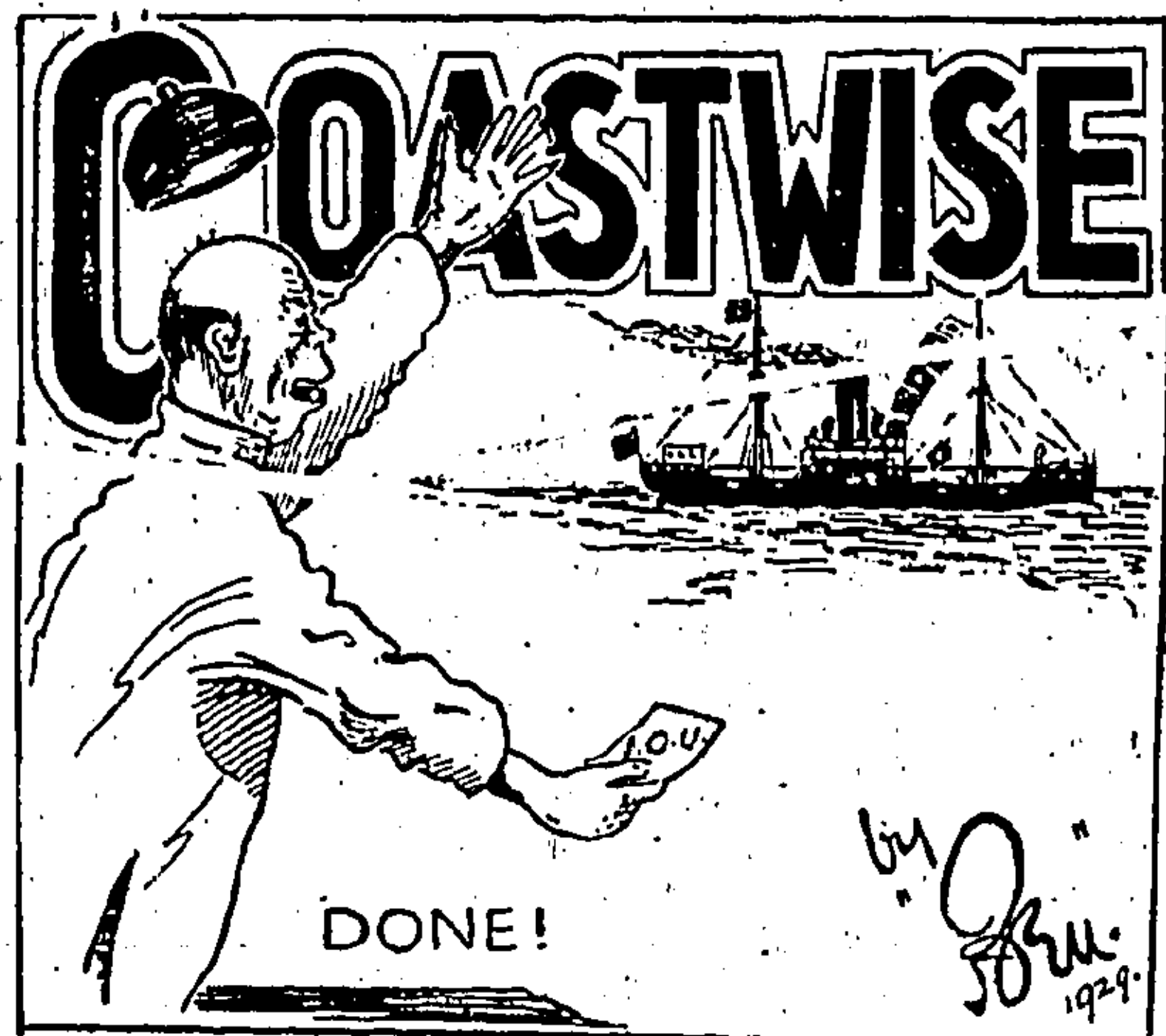
Chinese counsel for the appellant suddenly produced from a wrapping, a long stout tube, not unlike the barrel of a machine-gun, and asked the respondent, if his pipes were of the same sort. Respondent said that it was entirely different from his, and the diameter was only two inches. Counsel then suggested that the goods might be sent back to Europe, whereupon Dr. Wilhelm for the respondent stated that the case could either be contested or compromised and that the appellant should not attempt to strike a bargain in court. He said he had been approached previously by the appellant, and the same proposition was made, but it was not feasible.

Counsel asked the court to dismiss the case and give judgment for £561.13.5. This he said would include £555 for goods not taken by appellant, £40.15 for costs, carriage charge and storage and £62.12, representing interest at the rate of eight per cent. from May 3, 1928.

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CHINESE COURTS.

Status of Foreigners Defined.

CIRCULAR ORDER.

Canton, Saturday.
According to a circular order issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs advising the Provincial Government of the cancellation of Consular Jurisdiction, and of the laws and procedure formulated governing all untried and future cases in which foreigners and Chinese are involved, the Provincial Government has issued instructions to magistrates of all the districts in the province to the effect that suits in which foreigners are litigants against Chinese are to be brought to the ordinary Chinese courts concerned and that petition for appeal is to be submitted to the Provincial High Court.—Canton News Agency.

H.M. THE KING.

Remarkable Welcome at Wembley.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Ninety thousand spectators at the English Association Football Cup final at Wembley Stadium yesterday gave a remarkable welcome to the King, who unexpectedly made his appearance at the first sporting event since his illness. The vociferous cheering with which the King was welcomed lasted several minutes and was renewed when His Majesty walked on to the field of play and shook hands with all the players. The Duke of York also attended the match, in which Arsenal, after a splendid fight, beat Huddersfield Town by two goals to nil. At the conclusion the teams lined up before the Royal Box to receive the cup and medals. The King, having congratulated the captains, again shook hands with the players and assured them that he had greatly enjoyed the game.—British Wireless Service.

BOXER RIOTS.

Storming of Tientsin Recalled.

COLOURFUL CEREMONY.

Washington, Yesterday.
The storming of Tientsin by the Welch Fusiliers and American Marines during the Boxer rebellion was recalled at a colourful ceremony during a dinner of the Gridiron Club, an organisation of Washington newspaper correspondents, at which President Hoover, and Sir Ronald Lindsay (British Ambassador) were guests of honour.



General Smedley Butler.

To the stirring strains of a new military march by Sousa, the diners were told of the entry of the Fusiliers and Marines into the city to rescue the beleaguered foreigners, who had waited for weeks, almost at foot of next column.

Shanghai, Saturday.
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NATIONAL HEALTH.

New Scheme of the B.M.A.

PAYMENT OF SPECIALISTS.

Rugby, Saturday.
The Council of the British Medical Association has put forward for discussion its scheme for a general medical service for the nation. It is a national contributory insurance scheme, on a compulsory basis, for all insured persons as at present defined, and all dependants of such persons who are voluntary insured persons and their dependants and other persons of small means at present outside the insured system as well as patients formerly treated under the Poor Law. Contributions in the last named class would come from the responsible local authority. Whilst hospital service would not be included under the compulsory insurance scheme, voluntary contributory schemes for this service are suggested.

It is urged that payment of all visiting staffs of hospitals, specialists, consultants, surgeons and doctors is essential, as in future hospitals will increasingly be used not only for the sick poor, for whom they were originally intended, but by all classes. It is suggested that the effect of payment of specialists for hospital work will be to reduce the fees for private work.—British Wireless Service.

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most hopelessly, for the coming of the troops, protected by a barricade of rice and sugar bags; and it was a happy coincidence that the bags were set in position by a young American engineer who was then plain Herbert Hoover.

High Marine Corps officers present included General Smedley Butler, who was carried off the field at Tientsin, wounded.

Sousa's new march will be presented to the Royal Welch Fusiliers in London shortly by General Dawes.—Reuter's American Service.

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